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### One in a million

... or however many marched on Washington. For more march photos, see page 16. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

### S.F. Honors Caregivers; Kairos Heals Them

by Rene M. Astudillo

More than 10,000 San Franciscans have died of AIDS so far, and thousands more are living with it. For a city so caught up in the quag-mire of coping with the rising demand for health care and other services for its HIV-affected residents, it has often overlooked a major sector of its population that has silently but courageously taken the difficult task of caring for those who are sick or dying from HIV, AIDS, and other

life-threatening illnesses.

This week, San Francisco is focusing special attention on its caregivers. In a proclamation declaring "Caregivers Week in San Francisco," Mayor Frank Jordan cited the heroism and creativity of the heroism and creativity of the city's caregivers, whose model of "compassionate care for those affected by HIVAIDS is being emulated by other cities and areas throughout the world." The list of caregivers goes beyond professional health care workers, service providers, or the hundreds of volunteers who allocate their time to answer calls cate their time to answer calls to the hotlines, deliver hot meals, or visit those confined in the various hospices. Every partners,

friends, and family members tirelessly attend to the needs of PWAs. In many instances, PWAs take care of fellow PWAs.

The arena of caregiving ontinues to expand. Since this January, when the new CDC AIDS definition went into effect, there have been 2,049 new AIDS cases in San Francisco. The San Francisco Department of Public Department of Public Health's first quarter AIDS neaths first quarter AIDS surveillance report shows that this figure represents an increase of more than 400 percent over the same period last year. The new CDC definition included three more diseases — pulmonary tuberculosis recurring pneumona and sis, recurring pneumonia, and invasive cervical cancer — to the list of opportunistic infecthe list of opportunistic infec-tions that would result in an AIDS diagnosis for HIV-in-fected persons. A CD4 count of less than 200 now also qualifies as an AIDS diagno-sis. As the number of AIDS patients increases, so does the need to provide support for the caregivers

the caregivers.

At Kairos (a Greek word meaning "To live in the pre-(Continued on page 14)

### Sailor Admits to Killing Gay Shipmate Allen Schindler

by David O'Connor

The U.S. sailor accused of The U.S. sailor accused of killing gay shipmate Allen Schindler pleaded guilty to the murder during a pre-trial session May 3 in Yokosuka,

Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey entered a plea of guilty to murder with intent to inflict great bodily harm on Schindler last October 27. That plea means Helvey admitted he intended to cause Schindler "great bodily harm," but he did not intend harm," but to kill him.



Admitted killer Terry Helvey

Military Judge David Holcombe did not rule on whether he would accept the plea, leaving open the option of trying Helvey on the capital offense of premeditated murder. There is no word from the Navy on when Holcombe may rule on Helvey's plea.

Murder with intent to com-Murder with intent to com-mit great bodily harm carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, while the harshest sentence in a conviction for premeditated murder is death. (Continued on page 27)

### Ribera Testifies to Congress

San Francisco Chief of Police Anthony Ribera testified in favor of lifting the ban on gays in the military before the House Armed Services Committee on May 5.

Ribera, a Vietnam veteran who has a Ph.D. in public administration from Golden Gate University, told the committee, chaired by Berkeley Democrat Ron Dellums, that "I simply want to state the truth as I know it."

Ribera told the committee that the San Francisco Police Department decided in 1979 that it would begin recruiting lesbian and gay police officers in order to have a department

lesbian and gay police officers in order to have a department that truly represented the community.

"We decided that we could not truly represent the community we served and continue to exclude gays and lesbians from the police department," he testified.

Ribera noted the department hired its first gay officer that year and that currently 85 of the 1,830 San Francisco police officers are gay or lesbian.

bian.
"As a sergeant in the train-

ing division in 1979, I was apprehensive about hiring gays. I guess I believed many of the stereotypes we still see in the media and hear in society at large. In 1983, I was promoted to Lieutenant. My new assign-

to Lieutenant. My new assignment was as a platoon commander on a watch where approximately 25 of 65 assigned officers were gay or lesbian," he said.

Ribera commanded that platoon at Mission Station for five years, and he told the committee that the group was the most productive of the department's 27 patrol platoons in any measurable capacity of in any measurable capacity of performance.
"I would also add that dur-

ing that five-year period, there was not a single inci-dent of unprofessional con-duct by the gay and lesbian officers working for me," he

said.

Since the department began hiring lesbian and gay officers, three lesbians have risen to the rank of lieutenant and 13 gay and lesbians officers hold the rank of sergeant inspector, Ribera said.

Ribera also told the com-

mittee that in the last five years, 12 lesbian and gay offi-

cers have been awarded the Medal of Valor, the department's highest honor for out-

ment's nignest nonor for out-standing bravery.

Ribera said that lesbian and gay officers have the re-spect of other officers because of their performance and said

"While my two year military experience does not qualify me to address all the concerns before this committee, I do however feel morally compelled to acknowledge police officers who have given me and our department quality

and our department quality performance and loyalty," Ribera concluded.
Following Ribera's testimony, SFPD Officer Lea Militello answered questions from members of the committee concerning the issue. Militello is considered an except the service of the committee concerning the issue. Militello is considered an expert on cultural awareness and sensitivity training about gay and lesbians in paramilitary organizations and has consulted with the Government Accounting Office and the House Armed Services Committee staff about the issue. 

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### American Airlines' Unfriendly Skies

by Karen Ocamb

American Airlines is one of the largest employers of gays and lesbians in the country, according to David Taffet, a gay travel agent in Dallas, Texas, where American is based.

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American flight crews and lesbians and gays returning home from the March on Washington have ignited a firestorm of controversy.

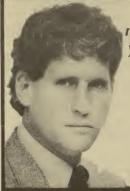
The first incident resulted from a leaked Flight Opera-tions Irregularities report filed after American flight 170 touched down in Dallas-Fort

Worth Airport on April 25. The "narrative" explained that the 13-minute delay in taking off for California's Ontario Airport was the result of a "Code 63" where the inbound flight crew suggested the "complete chg [change]" of pillows and blankets "due to "Continued as peace 20". (Continued on page 20)

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### **Community News**

### Shanti Update: \$311,259 Still Owed

by Dennis Conkin

Shanti Project owes the city at least \$300,000, according to documents submitted to the San Francisco Health Department's AIDS Office on

Department's AIDS Office of May 3.

The report was demanded by the AIDS office in March, following its audit of \$2.7 million in city AIDS housing services contracts that revealed Shanti could not account for its expenditures, and billed the Health Department for housing that did not exist or was not in use. The AIDS Office program audit of Shanti's housing program revealed the housing program revealed the agency charged clients 25 percent of their income as rent cent of their income as rent but failed to report the mon-ey, and diverted \$160,000 of federal funds for the Housing Resource Network to other programs in violation of local,

programs in violation of local, state, and federal regulations. Less than a month after the audit was released by the AIDS office, Shanti executive director Eric Rofes and deputy director Melinda Paras resigned from their

The budget reconciliation submitted to the AIDS office on May 3 revealed a \$311,259 difference between contract

difference between contract-budgeted amounts and actual Shanti expenditures. In submitting the report, Shanti pointed out that the difference is a "preliminary figure, subject to adjustment following the AIDS office re-view and completion of Shanti's annual independent audit," said Peter Cassels, a spokesman for the agency.

The figure is the agency's "best guess," and it is "highly probable" that Shanti has no idea where the funds t, said James Loyce,



Shanti House

AIDS Office Associate Direc-

Loyce said the AIDS Of-fice would have a better idea of where the city funds were expended after it receives the independent audit of the agency's books, due in the AIDS office on October 1.

In the meantime, Cassels told the Bay Area Reporter, Shanti must provide the city with a plan to repay the pre-liminary figure — and must also submit budget reconcili-ations for all of its city con-tracts, including funds pro-vided for emotional and prac-

vided for emotional and practical support services for people with AIDS, by June 1. Negotiations with the city to repay the unaccounted-for expenditures will not be conducted with the AIDS office, but with the City Attorney's Office, Loyce said.

Shanti says that the fiscal problem is limited to the 1991-92 fiscal year and that

the agency "has improved its accounting systems" so that current comract expenditures

current contract expenditures and accounting comply with AIDS office requirement.

"Under the supervision of the AIDS office, Shanti has been working for the last ninemonths to improve our accounting systems," said Paul Lambros, the agency's interim director. "The new computerized accounting system is now in place and we beis now in place and we be-lieve we are in compliance with our 1992-93 contract requirements.

quirements."

The AIDS office has agreed to continue receiving city funds to provide services for people with AIDS on a temporary basis through October 31, but a decision about whether the contracts will be renewed — or placed out to bid to other service providers — will be dependent on the results of the agency's audit of its entire \$5.4 million annual budget.

### E.R. M.D. P.O.'d at CPMC, EPG; Files with FHEA

by Dennis Conkin

A gay San Francisco emer-gency room physician has filed a \$5 million lawsuit charging that he was unlaw-fully fired last December by a local hospital — the day before a health insurance plan was to go into effect for emergenroom physicians such as

himself.

Dr. Frederick Fox claims that his employer, Emergency Physicians Group, thought he was HIV-positive and fired him before he could go on the health plan.

Fox filed suit in Superior

Court on May 3 under provisions of the Fair Housing and Employment Act which prohibit discrimination based upon the perception of HIV

Fox, 46, also sued his em-Fox, 46, also sued his employer under the state Labor Code which protects discrimination in employment on the basis of political activity.

According to his lawsuit, Fox was informed by Emergency Physicians Group, which has a contract with Cal.

gency Physicians Group, which has a contract with Cal-

ifornia Pacific Center to pro-vide emergency room physi-cians, that he was being ter-minated because of "unrecon-

minated because of "unreconcilable philosophical differences" by his employer, Art Wong M.D., of EPG.
Fox told the Bay Area Reporter that he had advocated that California Pacific Medical Center eliminate EPG and hire the physicians directly, to save consumers several millions dollars a year in costs for physician's services that are "raked off" in administrative fees.

ministrative fees.
"When I started inquiring about the fees and where they go, I was fired by Emergency Physicians Group," he told the B.A.R.

Fox claims that he believes that because he is a 46-year-old gay man, his employers assumed that he had HIV in-

fection.
"Statistically, 46-year-old gay men living in San Francisco are more likely than not to be HIV-positive, according to demographics. They fired me the day before my health insurance went into effect.

That's discrimination on the perception of HIV status," he said. "It's illegal under California law, to say nothing of federal law."

Fox said that he has been "blackballed" from working as an emergency room physician since he was terminated.

A spokesperson for California Pacific Medical Center told the B.A.R. that it "was unclear" why Fox had named them in the suit when he never worked for them directly er worked for them directly but was an employee of Emergency Physicians group, which staffs the hospital's

emergency room.
CMPC also said that it had strict policies prohibiting antistrict policies prombiting anti-gay discrimination and that its record of service to sexual minorities and people with HIV throughout Northern California was outstanding. Emergency Physicians Group was unavailable for comment on the suit at press

The lawsuit was filed by attorney Paul Wotman of the Law Offices of Arnold Laub. ▼

# **Shades Project Seeks Artists**

by Dennis Conkin

The Shades Project, a unique fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund, is seeking artists — from every-day amateur to professional — to express their talents on window shades that will be exhibited and then sold in June to benefit people with AIDS.

More than 120 window shades have been sold by the group since it began the fundraiser in 1990, according to Shades Project co-founder Tucker Finn.

"We were casting about for a fundraiser that everybody could do, a distinctive fundraiser that would keep going and continue to raise funds for the AIDS Emergency Fund," Finn told the Bay Area Reporter.

In 1992, shades from the project were displayed in seven locations around the city, and for the 1993 fundraiser that will be held during Gay Pride Week in June, shades from the project will be displayed in various locations around the city. Cocktails, The Lonestar, Borderline, Dottie's True Blue Cafe, and Lennon Studios are venues that have already volunteered to display the unique and functional art.

Past shades have been decorated with intricately cut figures inspired by the Japanese paper cutting tradition, poetry inscriptions, nude figures, feathers, sequins, and dozens of other media. They were sold at silent actions at prices ranging from \$25 to more than \$450.

"One that I especially liked was a cityscape made out of matchbooks," Finn said.

The theme for the current Shades Project — the eighth semi-annual series to date — is "Window on a World" How the individual artists will interpret that theme is entirely up to them.

"It's a very innovative and creating way of raising funds that we can use to help people with AIDS who have emergency needs," said AEF board President Rick Salinas. "There's such a diversity of talent involved that makes the Shades Project very exciting and colorful."

AEF was founded in 1982 to respond to the needs of people with AIDS who faced emergency financial situations. So far it has provided more than \$1 million in cash assistance grants to clients with AIDS and disabling HIV.

Funds are paid to third parties to cover cash-strapped clients' housing, utilities, certain medications, and other emergency needs. The most recent audit of AEF indicated that 95 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to clients.

For information on how to make or bid on Shades Project shades, call (415) 861-1534.





Doug Thompson brings Orchid Mania back to the 600 block of Hickory Alley May 8-9. Donors from around the world have sent orchids for the sale that benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund and other service agencies. The sale runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Organizers recommend you get there early.

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### California News

### **Anti-Hate Bill Debate** Stirs Up Hate in Sacto

by Samuel R. Cacas

rience for us to realize that in 1993, California has one of the most hateful environments in most hateful environments in the entire country," according to State Assemblymember Barbara Lee (D-Alameda County), adding, "We're mak-ing a mockery of the inscrip-tion on the Statue of Liberty that says 'Give me your tired, your poor."

your poor."
Although Lee's bill to combat hate violence on public school campuses, the Califor-nia School Hate Violence Reduction Act, passed the Assembly's Education Subcommittee by a convincing 14-5 vote on April 21, the brief debate that preceded its passage provided a showcase of the anti-gay sentiments evident among Assemblymembers

and right-wing groups.

After the adoption of a motion by subcommittee member Gwen Moore (D-LA County) to approve the proposal — thereby eliminating posal — thereby eliminating the need for supporting testimony — representatives of the Committee on Moral Concerns and Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition expressed their reasons for opposing the bill: "AB 1299 promotes an appreciation for pedophilia," said TVC's Chuck Leslev.

Lesley.
"This bill would provide special protection for homo-sexuals by including sexual orientation in its definition of orientation in its definition of hate violence. Since homosex-uality is the most dangerous lifestyle in America, and is il-legal for minors, students should be encouraged to avoid experimentation with its lifestyle," said Lobbyist Art Croney of CMC. "This Art Croney of CMC. "This bill would require teaching all public school students, in grades K through 12, that dangerous illegal behavior is not only okay, but worthy of special protection and appreciation," he added.

"Did you read the text of the bill?" Subcommittee Chair Delaine Eastin (D-Fremont) asked rhetorically, adding that the bill does not



Assemblymember Delaine

expressly or implicitly encourage or support pedophilia. "That statement is an abuse of your presentation," she added.

Republican Assemblyman David Knowles inflamed the argument even further: "Consensual sodomy is still a crime," he said, and expressed an opinion the bill would violate the first amendment rights of bigots to hate.

That view is not without dissenters. "The bill comprethesively addresses hate vio-lence, while at the same time not infringing on the First Amendment," said Margaret Pena, legislative director of the ACLU's office in Sacramento.

In any case, Moore refuted Knowles, by referring to an incident in which a group of sailors in the Castro physically beat a gay man last year because of his sexual orientation. "Do you advocate such incidents?" she rhetorically

### Will Wilson kill it again?

The legislation is Lee's response to an increase in hate sponse to an increase in hate violence on school campuses. According to Lee's aide, Brent Mori, concerns about the subject have been repeatedly expressed by civil rights organizations, educators, parents, and police officers.

"Hate crimes are on the rise in public school campus,

rise in public school campussaid Laurie McBride, executive director of the Sacramento-based Life AIDS Lobby. "Violence against people because of perceived sexual orientation is a leading type

of hate crime on campuses."

Mori noted that just last week the Fremont Police Department had informed Lee's office that there had been three incidents in the last two weeks where racist literature had been distributed in Frehad been distributed in Fremont schools, and a number of other incidents in which racist graffiti had been written on school property. A 1990 report by the Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, and Minority Violence reported that in the 1988-1989 school year 2,265 hate-motivated incidents were reported; 65 of the reported. reported, 65 of the reported incidents involved violence against gays and lesbians.

The legislation was introduced by Lee for the third time on March 23, after being visual and the coverner wilcome.

time on March 23, after being vetoed by Governor Wilson the previous two times. Following Wilson's 1991 veto, which cited concerns about public funding of the new guidelines, Lee's second version was changed to include a privately funded system. But Wilson vetoed the second verprivately funded system. But Wilson vetoed the second version last year, saying the bill duplicates already existing state efforts. Mori told the Bay Area Reporter that present efforts "are totally inadequate." He also noted that the bill will hear no public cost. If bill will bear no public cost. It basically provides for the ap-pointment of a committee that will serve voluntarily and come up with guidelines and other policies aimed at ad-dressing hate violence on school grounds.
"We're not real hopeful

"We're not real hopeful that the governor won't veto this measure again," said Mori. "But if he does, we want him to know he will be under more scrutiny than he was last year by the media and general public."

Individuals and organizations that wish to go on record as supporting the bill may contact Brent Mori at (510) 286-0339, or write directly to Governor Wilson, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. ▼

### Rainbow Zephyr Salesman Arrested

by Dennis Conkin

A Sunnyvale California man accused of swindling more than 50 lesbians and more than 50 lesbians and gays was arrested on April 29 in Mineral, Virginia, on a nobail warrant for grand theft. Stephen Taylor, 43, is charged with collecting money for non-existant train tickets to the March on Washington last month.

ets to the March of Washing-ton last month.

Taylor will be extradited to California to stand trial on the charges, filed in a criminal compliant by the Economic Crimes Group of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

Taylor advertised the Rainbow Zephyr luxury train trip that was to leave for Washington on April 18 and arrive in time for the historic

April 25 march. Fares for the cross-country luxury excursion trip on antique rail cars sold for \$750 to \$1,000, sup-posedly including meals and hotel rooms in Washington. Taylor was observed flee-ing his Sunnyvale home in a

U-Haul trailer on April 22, after he cancelled the trip and failed to repay the funds to most customers, according to Santa Clara County District Attorney Jody Baldyga. Taylor, who wiped out his bank account before leaving

the state, allegedly used the funds to pay rent and for gen-eral living expenses, as well as the purchase of two automobiles.

Taylor advertised the trip extensively throughout the gay community, through flyers, word of mouth, advertise-



Stephen Taylor (extreme (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

ments in gay papers, and Passport to Leisure, a local travel agency. The news of his alleged scam was first reported in the Bay Area Reporter.

### **National** Briefs

### Good News:

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania — Mayor Ed Rendell is backing legislation that would make the partners of lesbian and gay city workers eligible for spousal benefits.

The proposed City Council bill would create domestic partnerships for gay couples and enable the partners of city employees to collect health and pension benefits.

The version of the bill Rendell favors would exclude unmarried heterosexual couples from receiving partnership benefits.

The bill is expected to be introduced in City Council next

-United Press International

### **Bad News:**

HOMESTEAD, Florida — A Haitian refugee who was held more than 18 months at the U.S. Navy Base in Cuba died of AIDS-related illness two weeks after a judicial order allowed him to come to the United States for medical treatment.

Joel Saintil, 26, died of liver failure the night of April 29, at his father's home in Homestead. He was one of 40 Haitian people with AIDS and their families allowed to come to the United States from the base earlier this month.

His father said the order came too late.

"What they sent to me was equal to a dead man or a zombie," said Moise Saintil.

The U.S. Coast Guard intercepted Saintil as he attempted to sail to the United States without a visa. He was a supporter of deposed president Jean-Bertrand Aristide and feared persecution from Aristide's foes, his father said.

Saintil was taken to a refugee camp at the Guantanamo base, where immigration officials agreed that he had grounds to pursue a political asylum claim in the United States.

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filt, and Saintil fell into legal limbo when he tested positive for the virus.

In March, U.S. District Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. of New York issued an interim order requiring the Justice Department to bring the sickest of the Guantanamo Haitians to the United States because the base is not equipped to treat them adequate-

Most of those released with Saintil went to New York, but Saintil went to live with his father.

Michael Ratner, a New York attorney representing the Guantanamo Haitians, said the U.S. policy against HIV-positive foreigners had shortened Saintil's life.

"They allowed his health to deteriorate on Guantanamo," Ratner said. "I lay his early death at the doors of the Justice Department."

An immigration employee were said 181 Heitings are still at

Department.

An immigration spokeswoman said 181 Haitians are still at the Guantanamo camp, including 155 who test positive for HIV. The others are children or spouses of those with the virus. A lawsuit over their fate is still pending before Johnson.

Under a presidential order issued last May, U.S.-bound

Haitians interdicted at sea are returned directly to their homeland instead of being taken to Guantanamo for processing.

—United Press International

### **Military News:**

Navy officials said April 28 that two seamen have been charged with assaulting and sexually harassing a female sailor aboard a torpedo boat based at the Naval Undersea Warfare Attachment at Keyport.

Attachment at Keyport.

A Navy spokesman said Seaman David Armstrong, 24, and Petty Officer Arturo Olague, 22, will face a court martial. Armstrong is charged with indecent exposure and Olague with using provoking words. The two are also accused of attacking the victim, the only woman in the crew, last winter.

The alleged victim's mother, who lives in Warwick, Rhode Island, said her daughter told her that crew members masturhated in front of her exposed themselves, asked her to per-

bated in front of her, exposed themselves, asked her to perform oral sex, and threw her over the side of the boat.

—United Press International

### Weird News:

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania - An Allegheny County man has turned himself in to Pittsburgh police after being charged with exposing himself to children while wearing only a poorly

with exposing infinise to children white wearing only a poorly fitting Tshirt and a diaper.

Richard Lococo, 42, of West Mifflin, turned himself in at 7 p.m. April 27. Lococo is charged with harassment and open lewdness in the April 13 incident in Pittsburgh's Knoxville sec-

Police say Lococo stepped from a van driven by an uniden-Police say Lococo stepped from a valid fiven by an unidentified woman in front of a yard where three children, ages 11 to 13, were playing. He is charged with looking into his diaper and scratching his buttocks without saying anything.

Lococo was being held in the Allegheny County Jail on \$25,000 bond.

-United Press International

### **National News**

### 'No More Secrets' for Soldier of the Year

by David O'Connor

After Sergeant Jose Zuniga After Sergeant Jose Zuniga was named Army Soldier of Year, he felt compelled to come out as a gay man although that admission would make him unable to serve, much less win awards, according to military brass.

"The award is based on honesty, honor, and integrity," Zuniga said. "I really felt that I was betraying those qualities. I had to come out. It's a

Zuniga said. "I really felt that I was betraying those qualities; I had to come out. It's a literal hell living in the closet when you're in the military."

Zuniga came out nationally during the March on Washington when he spoke at a reception sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He also told his story in an opinion piece in The New York Times.

The 23-year-old was named Army Soldier of the Year for 1992 in a ceremony March 16. He was honored as Military Journalist of the Year at the same time. While serving in the Persian Gulf war, Zuniga won the Combat Medical Badge, the highest honor a combat medic can receive.

But to win those awards, Zuniga had to remain closeted.

"It's ironic that they would

ed.
"It's ironic that they would "It's ironic that they would want to compromise the very honor they uphold," Zuniga told the Bay Area Reporter. "There's no honor in lying. When I came in the Army I didn't know I was gay; I didn't lie to enlist. The lie is



Army Sergeant Jose Zuniga

in not being able to disclose my sexuality after I came to terms with it."

Zuniga said he had considered coming out for awhile, but Senate hearings on gays in the military convinced him to speak up

"It didn't become a crystal

Armed Services Committee Armed Services Committee started meeting and creating this myth, these ludicrous arguments for not lifting the ban," Zuniga said. "Being gay doesn't make a difference."

Although the Army has begun discharge proceedings against him, Zuniga said he has received a lot of support from colleagues since he returned to the Presidio, where

from colleagues since he returned to the Presidio, where he is stationed.

"T've gotten a good reception," Zuniga said. "If someone feels like they need to make a negative remark, they're doing a great job of holding off. You can talk rhetoric, you can talk numbers and statistics, but people don't get it. It's when you put a human face on the issue that people begin to understand the irrationality of the policy. Booting out the Soldier of the Year just because he's gay — if that isn't irrational, I don't know what is."

Even though he knew he had to put his face on the issue, Zuniga said it wasn't easy coming out to the country.

"You're never ready for a moment like that, a moment that changes your life forever," Zuniga told the BAR. er," Zuniga told the B.A.K.
"Your nerves are on edge,
you're anxious to get it over
with, apprehensive. After that speech, it was liberating. I no longer have to live the lie. I no longer have to keep secrets."

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### **Editorial**

### **Byrd Brain**

Our enemies often do our hardest work for us. Case in point: as a certain lesbian approaches her hearings in Washington, a coalition of bigoted windbags otherwise known as Republican senators — has shown its hand and its intent to be as difficult as possible.

The group, led (of course) by the cranky, senescent Jesse Helms and the ever more obviously hate-ridden Robert Dole, have invoked little-known and little-used rules to throw up roadblocks to the lesbian's employ-

We'll remember that when the Republicans again try to put forth the argument that we don't need laws to proour rights to employment.

But before we get accused of playing partisan politics, we would like to say that the Democrats have behaved disgracefully throughout the last few weeks, proving to many of us that in the last analysis there may not be a dime's worth of difference between the Republicans and

the Democrats.

Robert Byrd, the present Democratic leader in the Senate, expressed his views on lifting one ban in the military in 1945. He wrote to Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi:

"I hope that our Army 'bigwigs' will not attempt to use the military as an instrument for experimenting with the race problem. Integration of the Negro into White regiments is the very thing for which the Negro intelligentsia is striving and such a move would serve only to lower the efficiency of the fighting units and the morale of the average white service man as well.

of the average white service man as well.

"I am a typical American, a southerner, and 27 years of age, and never in this world will I be convinced that race mixing in any field is good. All the social 'do-gooders', the philanthropic 'greats' of this day, the reds and the pinks ... the disciples of Eleanor ... the pleas by Sinatra ... can never alter my convictions on this question ... but I am loyal to my country and know but reverence to her flag, BUT I shall never submit to fight beneath that banner with a negro by my side. Rather I should die a thousand times, and see old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongrels, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds."

Now, of course, Byrd would obviously repudiate those feelings, probably using his youth or some other irrelevancy as his "reason." Still, he has not been a supporter of eliminating the current ban, which is something we would describe as a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds.

Far too many Democrats have forgotten that the gay community lined up behind their party's presidential nominee; too many are now willing to turn their backs on us. We're still ruminating on the possibility of regis-tering Republican as a way of showing the Democrats that we shouldn't be taken for granted; showing the Republicans that we are everywhere; and making it possible for television cameras at the next GOP convention—the Buchanan convention? The Quayle convention? — to pick up fewer "Gay Rights Never!" signs and more "One More Republican Cocksucker" Tshirts.

As we say, that's still in the rumination stage, and not something we're advocating wholesale. Yet. But we are keeping an eye on the left side of the aisle.

All in all, our present Congress reminds us of a quote by the great Oscar Levant, also in reference to a politi-

'He'll double-cross that bridge when he comes to it."



### **Guest Opinion**

### Queers in the Army Ain't Liberation

by Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention

Since the election of Bill Clinton, one of the biggest questions being discussed in the media has been: Will he keep his promise to end the ban on gay and lesbian military personnel?

As progressive lesbians and gay men, we certainly hope that the new president will not cave in to the bullying of homophobes. We do expect him to reject the ridiculous as well as offensive "lestie", of those who want to maintain the han "logic" of those who want to maintain the ban. We look forward to the day when lesbians and gay men in the military will no longer be subjected to the horrors of witchhunts, court-martials, and prisons because they came out or were forced out of the closet.

So yes, we hope that Clinton will keep his promise. But we as fervently hope that lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals will not be taken in by it.

gay men, and obsexuals with not be taken in by it.

Simply making it legal for queers to be in the
military will not make it safe for them to be
there. As the racial integration of the troops during the Korean War increased the exposure of
people of color to racist violence from their peers; people of color to racist violence from their peers; as military women are twice as likely to be raped as civilian women; so openly gay people in the armed forces must expect an increase in anti-gay violence, both verbal and physical, directed against them. (Moreover, since "sodomy" is considered a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which can only be altered by Congress, lesbians and gay men will only be tolerated in the military in theory, and not in practice, if Clinton issues an executive order lifting the formal ban.)

tice, if Clinton issues an executive order lifting the formal ban.)

But even if it were safe for lesbians and gays to join the military, it would not be right to do so. The armed forces of a racist, sexist, classist, and homophobic country are no place for those who are oppressed by and in it. The role of the U.S. military is to impose the will of a few wealthy people and corporations on everyone in the world, from South Central Los Angeles to El Salvador to Iraq. During the Vietnam War, the Black Power movement called for all African-Americans to be exempt from the draft, as they had never had the "liberty" they were supposed to be

protecting. Until quality health care is freely available to everyone in this country; until the validity of all sexual orientations is openly taught in all classrooms; until people are not in prison for their beliefs, their sexuality, or their poverty; and until the military is not wed to enforce dictatorship and quash every real democratic movement around the world, the job of lesbian and gay people.

around the world, the job of lesbian and gay people is not to join the military, but to oppose it.

Most people go into the military because they have no other alternative when they get out of high school. This is particularly true for young people of color, and for lesbian, gay or bisexual youth. President Clinton needs to do a lot more for gay youth than let them in the military.

The military is not a jobs program. Overt

racism and sexism continue to be rampant in the racism and sexism continue to be rampant in the military. Women receive 60 percent of all "trainee discharges," meaning they do not make it through basic training. People of color, who make up 30 percent of the military but only 8 percent of its officers, receive over half of other-than-honorable discharges. This means they do not qualify for GI benefits, including those they paid for out of their salaries. Unemployment among veterans is 50 salaries. Unemployment among veterans is 50 percent higher than for non-veterans of the same age. Only ten percent of veterans are able to get jobs in which they use the training they received in the military.

Lesbian/gay youth, like all youth, need jobs, money, colleges, and vocational programs they can afford, drug treatment programs, health care, can atord, drug treatment programs, health care, safe-sex education, places to hang out, movies, places to live, and opportunities to develop and use their most creative energies. Lesbian and gay youth, in particular, need places to meet one another, and the chance to work together, play together and build their own vision for their own community. They do not need more chances to be humiliated, terrorized, dictated to, to learn to kill or be killed.

The military is not, as some people like to say, the last bastion of heterosexism in society. Heterosexism and homophobia pervade this society. So thanks for the thought, Mr. Clinton. But now, how about putting your money where your mouthis?

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### Letters

#### Requesting Objectivity

As a regular reader of your weekly, I recognize the As a regular reader or your weekly, the support of the paper to our community. In my opinion, however, BAR, and other "gay" newspaperes have an obligation to the community to focus not only on the negative aspects of a story, but to report on the integration of the page of the support of th positive also. In other words, try to be somewhat objective. I do not feel that you have done this while reporting on the recent problems at Shanti Project.

reporting on the recent problems at Shanti Project.
As a volunteer for some time now, I have come to
know many of the staff members at Shanti and know
how dedicated, hard-working and caring they are. I
have also come to know many of the volunteers and
know what dedicated and caring individuals they are.
Most importantly, I have come to know some of the
clients and have seen how they benefit from the many
services provided by Shanti.
Like all organizations, Shanti is not perfect. It hurts
to realize that at times. I know for myself and others
associated with Shanti that it was disturbing and sand

to realize that at times. I know for myself and others associated with Shanti that it was disturbing and sad to learn that Shanti was accused of mismanagement of funds. It was more disturbing to find out that it was true. However, let us not blame the whole for the actions of a few.

This is what has bothered me most about your reporting. Although mistakes have been made and should be active the strength of the

Shanti has acknowledged them, it does not and should not negate the valuable contributions the organization has provided to the community over the years and continues to provide today. Who of us have not made mistakes? Does that mean that we are not valuable

members of our community?

The same can be said of an organization. Publishing only the negative causes doubts in people's minds

about the organization as a whole. As such, the very people who will benefit the most from the services may be the very ones who are hurt the most. Shanti has made some mistakes, has acknowledged them and is taking the steps necessary to rectify them. I think most would agree that the good Shanti has provided far outweighs the bad and therefore deserves our support. What is individuals and as a deserves our support, both as individuals and as a community.

**Kevin Burns** 

Editor responds: We stand by our reporting, which we consider fair. We do not think we have shied away from reporting positively when Shanti — or any other group — has made positive strides. And in our opi-nion, the B.A.R. has an obligation to the community to focus on the positive aspects of a story, but to report on the negative also. In other words, to try to be somewhat objective.

#### Woody and Mia

Frankly, as a single queer man who would be excluded from adopting children because of my "queerness," I am well past sick of reading about celebrity child molesters who *get away with it* First, it was Roman Polanski sodomizing a 13-year-old girl it was Roman Polanski sodomizing a 13-year-old girl and then running off to Europe to escape prosecution. Don't we have extradition treaties with most European nations? Well, dears, Polanski is back and you can bet he still has a taste for the young stuff (as well as the money to keep it under wraps). Then there is the darling Rob Lowe, child pornographer extraordinaire. His "punishment" was doing a few community service spots for videotaping his sexual debauchers with a 16-year-old girl.

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What irks me no end is that queer people are always being scapegoated as the child molesters and abusers when in reality it is the heterosexuals who perform

when in reality it is the heterosexuals who perform 99 percent of the abuse and molestation.
And if they're filthy rich, they will walk every time. Neither Woody Allen nor Mia Farrow will see the inside of a jail cell in their lifetimes regardless of any sex acts they commit against their children, natural or adopted. The fact they seem to treat their adopted brood as little more than unpaid domestics suggests a deviant attitude that could well encompass sexual abuse. And while "straight" Amerika may be fairly titillated by stories about a rich, neurotic movie director/producer who likes to sniff de-pantsed little girls, I am frankly appalled and horrified.

John S. Connolly, III

#### **Print More Pictures**

A picture speaks a million words.

I rushed out this morning to pick up our weekly homosexual newspaper to see the coverage of our spectacular "March on Washington" and I was disap-

spectacular "March on Washington" and I was disappointed. Where were the great photographs?
I saw ace photographers Rick Gerharter and Jane Philomen Cleland all over Washington on that historical weekend — they were everywhere, yet, no pages of photographs, big photographs of the Congressional Cemetery where hundreds of people celebrated Sgt. Leonard Matlovich. No pictures of the popular PFLAG contingent, the Asian, Black, veterans and active duty military contingents, ACT UP and the N.A.A.C.P.

I know you have pictures. Please print them

Sheldon Ramsdell San Francisco

Editor responds: Please see page 16

#### Offensive Ad

I find it ironic that, in the same issue that you ran I find it tronic that, in the same issue that you ran T. Wong's letter about encountering racism in the Castro (April 8), you ran an ad lexperienced as racist. I found the Canton Liquer ad offensive on three counts: First, the white guy is in full view while the (presumably) Asian woman is offstage; this is racist because it quite literally marginalizes Asians. Second, the caption "Chinese Torture" is sexist because it treats Asian women as exotic sex objects. Finally, this ad is too heterosexual for the B.A.R. Please ask your advertising department to be more sensitive in the future.

nsitive in the future.

San Francisco

#### A Chronic Illness You Can Live With

The following letter was sent to Molly Hayes, San Jose Mercury News, San Jose, CA.:

Regarding Judith Green's March 17, 1993, review of the Actors Theatre of San Francisco production of "Raft of the Medusa": Ms. Green calls our attention to the fact that several actors "proudly" state in their program biographies that they have AIDS or are HIV-positive, and in so doing, they lend the production a "slightly unearned pathos." Pathos? I believe Ms. Green misses the point.

It takes a large amount of courage for a performer to come out which you have forestice they are several to a consequence of the performer.

to come out publicly and professionally as a person with AIDS or who tests positive for HIV — directors and producers may be reluctant to hire you, other actors may be reluctant to work with you. This is not a cheap attempt to gain audience sympathy. It is a bold and professional stand for these actors to take. In doing at the utilized below for all performs with AIDS. and professional stand for these actors to take. In doing so, they strike a blow for all performers with AIDS and HIV. What these performers have "earned" is not pity, but respect — and revealing their AIDS/HIV status gives them greater authority to speak on the subject as professional artists.

subject as professional artists.

In her final paragraph, Ms. Green lauds the production's use of an image from the Gericault painting which inspired the play, describing the characters as "facing certain death" and nobly uplifting the person who, in her words, has "the best chance of living." While it is clear that Ms. Green is sympathetic to the cause, perhaps she has not fully considered how phrases such as this help to reinforce the myth that if not have AIDS as the section of all the results. if you have AIDS or test positive for HIV, you are doomed to an early death. Certainly the actuarial tables would help to support

Certainly the actuarial tables would help to support this contention — but the theatre is not about hard numbers. Our work as artists is about hope, and when we read in the newspaper that we are consigned to "certain death," it doesn't help.

Perhaps Ms. Green and all of us might do well to take to heart the words of Paul Morabito, owner of the Castro Village Pharmacy in San Francisco: "People are treating AIDS as an acute disease you have to die from when we should be treating it as a chronic illness you can live with."

Animal J. Smith San Francisco

#### A Pulpit for Discrimination

The following letter was sent to Harvard College President, Neil L. Rudenstine, Cam-bridge, Mass.:

As an alumnus and a gay Vietnam veteran, I was dismayed to read that you had invited Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell to speak at the

the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell to speak at the Harvard commencement.

I am less surprised by Colin Powell's very common prejudices as I am by your inviting him to the Harvard commencement. I am grateful that you have spoken out against the gay ban and I can understand your desire to have a dialogue which is the university's unique role; but, you have not invited him to a debate, you have given him a prestigious bully pulpit from which to tout his discriminatory views.

Where will the gays be given such an honorable podium? Not at Harvard and not at the Senate hearings where Powell's counterpart, Sam Nunn, systematically excludes all gay voices. This is most certainly a civil rights issue, and your invitation to General Powell this year is as morally repugnant and inappropriate as an invitation to Strom Thurmond would have been in 1964. Why should this special Harvard and the property of th mappropriate as an invitation to Strom I hurmond would have been in 1964. Why should this special Harvard podium be granted to such a prejudiced voice no matter how "thoughtful and eloquent a speaker"? Who needs eloquence in defense of a bigoted denial of citizens' full civil citizenship? What is done is done, but I am dismayed at how lithely liberal academic sentiment here disposed to the contract of the contr timent can dismiss the civil rights of an oppressed minority as just another intellectual conversation. Tell that to the gay or lesbian soldier in fear for their career or their life. When has the smug majority ever offered up any of their civil freedoms for general debate and approval?

Gary R. Lea, A.B. '68 and M.A.T. 74 San Francisco



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### Letters

### O'Hair's Message of Hate Not Acceptable

As a member of Metropolitan Community Church, I take exception to Madalyn Murray O'Hair's comments in her recent interview with the B.A.R. Ms. O'Hair should have attacked organized religion in stead of condemning one's own sense of spirituality.
O'Hair's message is one of hate and everyone for themselves. Well, we've just gotten rid of 12 years of that philosophy propounded under the Reagan/Bush

that philosophy propounded under the Reagan/Bush administrations and this is a time of healing, not hate. O'Hair's comment that gays should only be interested in the MCC "if people were banging between the pews" is an irresponsible comment. Especially for someone who states that people should be judged on their merits and not their sexual behavior. Metropoolitan Community Church offers participants a choice — a choice of accepting those Christian beliefs which feel comfortable and which conform with one's own sense of spirituality. Some

conform with one's own sense of spirituality. Some attend for the music and the beauty of the service, some attend for the fellowship and the sense of community. But for whatever reason, people are attending because they are willing to try love rather than hate.

Thomas J. MacEntee San Francisco

#### Good Deeds

So much of what we hear today is negative. We

On Sunday, April 4, we were in the process (that lasted until 11:00 p.m.) of cleaning and painting the apartment of a friend who is currently in San Francisco General Hospital (Ward 5-A) and at the same time trying to complete the usual chore of our own launday to the complete of the same time trying to complete the usual chore of our own launday. dry. Our friend's apartment is on 18th at Castro and we decided to do our laundry at the laundromat downstairs (Soap).

Upon learning what we were doing for our friend, the attendants (I don't know their names) took it upon themselves to dry and fold our laundry for the cost

of the drying so we would have more time to concen-trate on our friend's apartment. Gentlemen, we don't know your names but the un-solicited kindness you showed us shall remain with solicited kindness you showed us shall remain with us for a long time and as our free time has become so precious, we plan to use your services from now on; and encourage anyone we know of in need of laundry service to do the same.

The facility is called "Soap" on 18th Street. Thank you again and congratulations to your manager for having such unselfish employees on staff!!

Michael Phelan and Fr. Skip Anderson San Francisco

#### Wages of Discrimination Are Dollars

Society supports all of its living members, including Society supports all of its living members, including those of despised minority groups, in one of 5 ways: (1) Private Employment; (2) Public Employment [including military]; (3) Welfare; (4) Crime; and (5) Prison. Unless a society's leaders elect genocide, the foregoing support will be provided to all of its members, whether or not the society actually desires to do so. In the United States, some victims of private employment discrimination, such as racial minorities, have been handed welfare checks as a pacificer, in the hope that they would not rise up and demand equal

have been handed wellare checks as a pacificer, in the hope that they would not rise up and demand equal rights. This approach has resulted in multigenerational welfare families and has caused such frustration and despair that its victims have burned down their own neighborhoods. Other minorities, such as gays, have been denied public employment as a matter of federal policy until comparatively recent times (1974), and even today they lack protection in most states from discrimination in the private sector. Worse yet, if the current efforts of religious extremists worse yet, it the current enors of religious extremists to prevent the enactment of laws prohibiting anti-gay discrimination are successful, the result will be economically disastrous, in that many currently employed gays will cease to be taxpayers, thereby moving from category 1 or 2 (above) down to category

Sound economics alone dictate that the enactment and enforcement of non-discrimination laws to protect members of all minority groups is the only practical and humane way to prevent increases in crime, imprisonment and welfare payments. Whether its victims are black, gay or other minorities, the wages of discrimination is always dollars!

San Francisco

#### Coits Give Thanks

On behalf of the Coits of San Francisco, I would like to thank you for the fine coverage of our Easter Auc tion at Lilv's

Mary Richards is a good writer and certainly told the story of the Coits, the Easter Auction and most importantly, the story of the Godfather Service Fund and

what it serves.
Again, many thanks for the photos accompanying the story as well.

> Maurice Gibson Corresponding Secretary, Coits of San Francisco, San Francisco

### Missed Something?

Let me get this (pardon the pun) straight. For the Let me get this (pardon the pun) straight. For the first time ever, we have a president that supports us and the gay papers and gay "leaders" are complaining about him after only 100 days in office. Also, locally, a bunch of people are complaining about this year's gay pride parade because they don't like "the theme".

Did I miss something or did someone move me to Los Angeles without telling me?

Ronny Marshall San Francisco (I think!)

### Marijuana Shortage!

Due to the constant demand and short supply of marijuana, it is now the most expensive drug in the world. What used to be \$50 an ounce is now \$500 an ounce. The ramifications of this should be obvious: A. Patients are deprived of cheap medicine. B. This situation forces people to turn to far more dangerous drugs such as alcohol, cocaine, methamphetamines and Xanex — drugs which create more violence. Due to the constant demand and short supply of

C. Makes marijuana available only for the wealthy.
D. High prices invite a more organized and poten-

D. High prices invite a more organized and potentially more violent distribution system.

This shortage has been created by the Nixon/Reagan/Bush phony war on drugs which is primarily a war on marijuana. If we want to stop the cycle of violence, let us start by allowing the controlled sale of safe and inexpensive marijuana. Let's free the market for marijuana, tax it, put the money into education. Save the children.

Dennis Peron Americans for Compassionate Use San Francisco

#### "Can't We All Get Along?"

Each week new letters appear from angered souls who do not wish to show their pride marching under a banner of "Year of the Queer." Most seem to find the best resolution to their frustration to be to not march at all. I find this solution self-defeating.

I encourage anyone who feels uncomfortable marching "Queer" to proudly form their own contingent and march under a banner which they feel more accurately depicts themselves. There is strength in our diversity!

diversity! Sometimes we must agree to disagree. Personal segregation and exclusion over a simple theme deprives us All of the unity we All so desparately need

Hippie Chick San Francisco

### Lessons That Didn't "Take"

Having just returned from the March on Washington, I am filled with hope for the future of civil rights in our country. In vast numbers, I saw peo-ple from every ethnic group, gender, class and religion — marching together.

— marching together.

There was, however, one chilling moment in an otherwise warm weekend. After coming out of the Holocaust Museum, I ran into some fundamentalist Christians who were demonstrating against the gay March. They were saying things like "Gays will destroy our way of life!" and "Gays should all be arrested and put in jail!" I found it ironic that in America in 1993, there are people saying the exact same things that the Nazis said in Germany in 1933.

Have we learned so very little in 60 years?

**Bob Walton** San Francisco

#### Accolades for the Constantines MC

Your "500 mile overnight run to Reno" was a prime example of what a bike run should be. There was a bit of everything, a slice of life. Good people, beautiful nery, adventure (I think we're lost?) and lots of oldfashioned fun.

Through it all, a special bond was formed of men

too many to mention. If you were there, you know If you missed it, well, there's next time. Support your local clubs and build your family.

Santos Rangel, Phoenix Uniform Club San Francisco

### **Inaccurate Reporting**

Could no one at the B.A.R. have told Nancy Boutilier before printing up her article, "Listen for the Echoes of the Past" (B.A.R., April 22), that our first

"March on Washington" was not in 1987 but in 1979?
The one in 1987 was the second one.
We need and deserve more accurate reporting — not only from the National Park Service (300,000, indeedl), but from our own "historians" as well!

Walter Ems San Francisco

### Senator Feinstein Goes to Washington

ormer San Francisco Mayor Dianne Fein-stein, now California's senior U.S. senator, been in Washington slightly over five months now (she assumed office immediately after her November election, replacing "interim" Senator John Seymour) and more than any of the new senators elected last November, she has gained a national recognizability that other newly-elected legislators can only dream about.

Feinstein, considered by many to be a national political figure even before her November election, is by far slightly over five months now

November election, is by far the most visible of the new Washington crop of senators; washington crop of senators, after five months in office, she remains the hottest political celebrity in Washington, next to Bill Clinton and Al Gore. While most political observers were busy last week assessing President Clinton's "first 100 days," others, partic-ularly political writers from California, were looking hard at Feinstein's newly-acquired political stature.

### Commentary

Indeed, while many thought that Senator Barbara Boxer, a veteran of ten years in the House of Representain the House of Representatives who was also elected last November, would become the state's more visible and outspoken senator in Washington, Boxer seems to have taken a more low-key role. And while most say Boxer is a very effective and powerful force on her own, it is Feinstein who continues to make headlines both in D.C. and California. This fact seems to have surprised many who watched Boxer operate during her five House terms, during her five House terms, when she was often in the news with controversial issues and publicity-prone public moves.

While some say that Box-s somewhat quiet approach her Senate duties means to her Senate duties means she herself recognizes that she can be just as effective playing it low-key and seemingly taking a backseat to the highly visible Feinstein, others will tell you that Boxer is purposely playing it a little lower publicly, intending to defer to Feinstein, who needs all the headlines she can get because she must stand for reelection next year; Boxer is election next year; Boxer is serving a six-year term and has no pressing re-election problems.

Boxer is known to feel an Boxer is known to feel an obligation to Feinstein for her help in last year's close election where Boxer was thought to be losing to her conservative GOP opponent until Feinstein, leading her own opponent by double-digits in the polls, practically abandoned her own campaign to help Boxer pull through. Boxer and Feinstein, once political enemies, have reported litical enemies, have reported-ly formed a close personal relationship, as well as a politi-cal one, and aides to both sen-ators tell me that the two speak on the phone several times weekly as well as seeing a lot of each other on the



U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

On issues important to Cal-ifornia voters, Feinstein seems to have taken the lead

— and therefore gets the val-ued media exposure. An ex-ample is the recent hearings on the closing of the numer-ous California military bases;

Feinstein has taken the lead in the fight against the base closures; she has lobbied suc-

cessfully for more federal money for poor California children, introduced the high-

ly publicized desert bill, and drafted an amendment that would protect Emily's List, a

funder of women Democratic candidates, from the con-straints of a proposed cam-paign finance reform law. The base closure issue has

indeed been a priority on Senator Feinstein's list of bat-tles; early on in March, right

tles; early on in March, right after the announcement from the Pentagon was made that California was going to be hard hit under the plan, Feinstein immediately blasted the list as being "totally unacceptable" and promised to fight it, while Boxer, though disagree-

ing with the list, argued less unequivocally that the state would be taking a "disproportionate hit." The next day Feinstein appeared on all three national networks to protest

national networks to protest the closure list while Boxer appeared on none. Last month, in fact, it was Senator Feinstein's office that orga-nized a base-closure strategy meeting at the Oakland Chamber of Commerce where she once again blasted the Pentagon for its plan to

where she once again blasted the Pentagon for its plan to "unfairly" hit California and was the star attraction at the two-day meeting. Senator Boxer, again deferring to Fe-

instein, attended, but left

Instein, attended, but left early.

In fact, on the opening day of the highly-publicized meeting, it was Feinstein who sat beside her old political nemesis, Governor Pete Wilson, and made a lengthy presentation that was well-covered on

tion that was well-covered on tion that was well-covered on television throughout the state, while Boxer's brief ap-pearance waited until the next day. This is not to say

next day. This is not to say that Barbara Boxer is not doing an effective job in Washington — indeed, she is. In fact, Boxer is given high marks for her sponsorship of the anti-stalking bill and her prominent backing of the important Violence Against

floor of the Senate.

Women Act.
Both Feinstein and Boxer Both Feinstein and Boxer are recognized in the Capitol for keeping up the pressure among their male fellow senators to move a "women's agenda" and are respected by most of the other Senate members (92 out of the 100 in the Senate are men). Despite their obvious difference in styles — Feinstein the more high-profile, Boxer somewhat more low-keyed — the two California senators resemble each other and work together in many ways, voting the same way on 95 of their first 100 votes.

Barbara Boxer is known as one of the Capitol's hardest one of the Capitol's hardest workers — passionate about certain issues, not so adamant on others, but it is Dianne Feinstein who is recognized by the hoards of Capitol Hill tourists and is continually stopped and asked to pose for photos or sign autographs — "they treat her like a movie star; it's incredible," griped the staffer of another male Democratic senator.

Some Democratic party officials are even predicting

Some Democratic party officials are even predicting that Dianne Feinstein could be a candidate for president or vice president after the Clinton administration is history. Meanwhile, Feinstein continues to fly back to California every weekend, clearly with an eye on next year's reelection campaign, where she will be a target of right-wing Republicans who have long made political hay out of her being pro-choice and for gay and lesbian rights.

and lesbian rights.

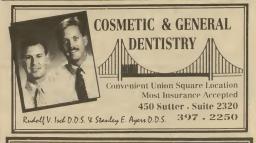
In Sacramento, meanwhile,
Democrat Party officials are
privately delighted that Feinstein's name will be at the top
of their ticket next year, and while trying hard not to be too over-confident, one state Democratic leader said last week, "with a candidate as popular as Dianne leading the ticket, Pete Wilson and [At-torney General] Dan Lungren can be beaten next year."

With offers coming in dai-ly for appearances on televi-sion shows and endless newssion shows and enthess news-paper and magazine inter-views, Dianne Feinstein should be a shoo-in for re-election next year; she's a po-litical star the likes of which Washington hasn't seen in years, and the Democrats couldn't be happier. ▼

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### Dykeotomy



PFLAG members pour out of a reception to cheer Dyke March participants April 24 in Washington, D.C.

### A Mother's Day Card from D.C.

by Nancy Boutilier

he week before I headeast to march on ed east to march on Washington, I scribbled off an early Mothers' Day card. Then, somewhere between the Ellipse and the White House, at the March on Washington, I found myself writing a new letter to Mom in my head.

As Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) passed by me, the roar of delight that rose above the Capitol echoed with a longing that

tol echoed with a longing that reminded me that most les-bians and gay men don't have moms like mine.

Commentary

friend of mine once called my parents "a two person P-FLAG chapter," and there's truth in it. Although neither of my parents have ever attended a P-FLAG meeting, they have played surrogate parents to more than a few of my friends. And though I cannot pin-

point the moment in which I learned not to take my parents for granted, I know I owe each of them more than

e day of thanks per year. In demographic details, my parents are right out of Leave It To Beaver. Dad, the insurance claims investigator; Mom, the housewife; one brother; two cars; a lawn; a dog. Everything but the pick-et fence. In my hometown a mixed marriage was when an Irish Catholic married an Italian Catholic, and integration was Protestants and Catholics in the same school.

in the same school.

This was life in the archetypal suburb, but even back then, there were plenty of early hints that should have tipped me off to the fact that both my parents were pretty special.

More cosched the Robins

pretty special.

Mom coached the Robins,
my "Lassiette" softball team,
and Dad umpired in the
league. They decided to raise
me as a Unitarian Universalist rather than in their own
Baptist tradition. My Dad's
friends called Mom a "wom." friends called Mom a "wom-en's libber" and I could tell he took it as a compliment even

though they didn't mean it to be one. Dad took me to the women's pro golf tournament when it came to town and taught me to admire Patty Berg as well as Arnold

Well, admire Patty Berg I did. And Billie Jean King, and Nancy Lieberman, and so on. And when I realized how far my admiration of and affection for women could go, I feared that my parents would live to regret their open-mind-edness and take back their

tolerance.

By the time I came out to my mother, not long after marching on the capital in 1987, I wasn't taking anything

for granted.

I did not take for granted Mom's response to my revela-tion: Mom didn't ask if it was a phase, although she did fear that my being a lesbian might make life tougher for me. What I remember most was that Mom reaffirmed her love

for me without passing judg

ment.

I did not take for granted the extra Easter basket Mom put out for my lover's first holiday visit. Nor did I take for granted the initiative Mom took in making up a double had for us. double bed for us.

I never took for granted Mom's inquiries about books to read or her decision to do-nate a copy of Rubyfruit Jungle to our town public library. I was grateful when Mom wrote to L.A. Law praising the lesbian story line, when she attended Gay Pride days, and when she spon-sored a member of the Worcester gay youth group to march on Washington two

weeks ago.
So, as I marched along Pennsylvania Avenue on April 26, I found myself thanking her for the ways in which she has supported me both personally and politi-

cally.

I also found myself feeling thankful for San Francisco. The march reminded me not to take San Francisco for granted. When I talked to all nine members of the North Dakota contingent, I realized how blessed with community I am in this city.

When I saw faces I recog-nized from the Castro and the clubs, I smiled at how many people from this city felt com-mitted enough, as activists, to make the cross-country trek. With so many of the speakers and performers calling San Francisco home, it was hard for me not to feel a tremor of pride in the fact that so many of our local leaders have a national following.

Returning on a plane with three members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reminded me that I shouldn't take the gay political clout in this city for granted. And, I learned about fashion clout when I asked a man to point me in the direction of to point me in the direction of the booth where he pur-chased what I thought to be the best T-shirt of the march. He sent me west, way west, to "Rolo, on Castro Street, in

The Colorado and Oregon presence served as a powerful reminder that I should not take my civil rights for grant-

take my civil rights for grant-ed either.

In the midst of so much gay yuppiedom in Washington,
I realized how easily one can take for granted the diversity of the San Francisco commu-nity. How loudly I cheered for the Sisters of Perpetual for the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. How relieved I was when the leather contin-gent strode by. How refresh-ing it was to hear street ac-tivists reminding the crowd to "ACT UP! Fight Back! Fight ADS!" when so may of the AIDS!" when so many of the chants rang with a tad too much contentedness: "We're here. We're queer. We're fab-ulous!"

We have so many reasons to celebrate our political progress. But, we have a long way to go before we can feel content.

And, my Mother's Day hope for everyone is that the political advances be accompanied by the personal ones, which, in turn, will give individuals the strength and support needed to continue the fight for political change

P.S. Thanks, Mom, and Happy Mother's Day!▼

### **HIV News**

### **Medication Cartel Formed**

United Press International

WASHINGTON - Fifteen

WASHINGTON — Fifteen U.S. and European drug companies announced plans April 20 to share information and other resources to investigate potential anti-AIDS drugs.

The firms created the Inter-Company Collaboration for AIDS Drug Development — a body officials said should make it easier to test combinations of anti-viral medications that might work against tions that might work against HIV.

Companies involved in the project include AB Astra,

Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Burroughs Wellcome, Du Pont Merck, Glaxo, Hoechst AG, Hoff-mann-La Roche, Eli Lilly, Merck, Pfizer, Miles, Sigma-Tau, SmithKline Beecham, Tau, Smith and Syntex.

The firms said efforts to find a successful anti-AIDS compound have been frustrated by HIV's ability to resist medications, coupled with the fact that only one of every 1,000 experimental drugs shows sufficient promise to merit human testing. Food and Drug Adminis-

tration Commissioner David Kessler praised the announce-ment as "a welcome step to-ward needed coordination in a vital area of research."

In New York, AmFAR, the American Foundation for

the American Foundation for AIDS Research, also hailed the collaboration effort.

"AmFAR is optimistic that this unprecedented cooperation between drug companies will lead to powerful and effective new combinations of therapies that might one day halt the virus in its tracks," the group said. ▼



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### **Nutrition Help** For PWAs Available

by Dennis Conkin

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from Stadtlanders Pharmacy.
HIV Disease Nutrition
Guidelines: Practical Steps For A Healthier Life was written by registered dieticians and has been reviewed and endorsed by the PAAC.
The booklet explains nutri

tion principles and how food nutrients affect the immune system, and includes practical steps that people with HIV disease can take to ensure an adequate diet, maintain essenand avoid food-borne dis-

easy-to-read and informative charts and tables explaining caloric content and car-bohydrate, protein, fat, and fat sources of more than 20 nutri-tional supplements, sources of essential nutrients in the ma-jor food groups and symp-toms of nutrient deficiency or

A special section is devoted to the practical manage-ment of symptoms and side effects related to HIV and diet, including diarrhea, fa-tigue, weight loss, lack of ap-petite, difficulties with mouth soreness and swallowing, nausea, bloating, and other conditions associated with HIV ill-

ness or treatment.

The booklet also lists resources available through the country on nutrition and HIV, country on nutrition and HIV, including referral agencies for registered dieticians who specialize in HIV, in addition to AIDS hotlines and community services organizations.

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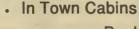
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### Profile

# *Q in A Q 'n' A*: Michelangelo Signorile Dissects the Closet

by Jim Provenzano

Standing at the fax machine one crazed afternoon in March 1990, sending copy after copy of his story about the sex life of Malcolm Forbes through the wires, Mike Signorile had no idea how extensively the investigation of through ...
norile had no idea how extensively the journalistic practices of OutWeek, the outrageous New York gay weekly magazine, would ignite a firestorm of controversy, the storing gun of what Time

firestorm of controversy, the starting gun of what Time magazine would dub "outing."
No other word has stirred so much ire and glee of opposing factions among lesbians and gays. Few people, whether gay and straight, stand on a middle ground. Yet now that the hubbub has died down, and the process of formal journalistic outings has taken precedent, Signorile, the former militart activist. the former militant activist, gossip columnist, and Catholic school boy, has finished a book that thoroughly attacks the closets of power.

Signorile has been called a tyreat by some and a wine

Signorile has been called a tyrant by some and a wunderkind by others. While writing incisive reports on gays at the New York Times, years earlier, he was more known for his fist fight on the set of Geraldo, and for smashing butter in the face of pseudo-artist Mark Kostabi, who made AIDS-phobic and homophobic comments. Havwno made AIDS-phobic and homophobic comments. Hav-ing found other ways to vent his rage, he's produced a strong body of articles explor-ing aspects of gay culture and

politics.
In Signorile's new book,
Queer in America, the inside
story of this fireball of energy, activism, and opinion is detailed by the most in-formed journalist on the sub-

ject: himself.

By recounting the exciting tactics of ACT UP's 1988
FDA demonstration, Signorile shows how AIDS activists gained control of the media, then goes back to his own life to show how the repressive environment of his Staten Isenvironment of his Staten Is-land Catholic upbringing led to his wild nightlife young adulthood, and the subse-quent compelling interest in helping ACT UP. Like many other members, he was merely using his well-honed work skills to further the fight against AIDS.

against AIDS.

Queer in America then covers three areas, what Signorile calls "the Trinity of the Closet:" Washington, Hollywood, and New York's media world. After traveling to each city, the author brought these various scoops, insights and confessions together to create a visible picture of the great gay closet of those in power. Following literally hundreds of interviews, the manuscript went through the longest legal review since Julia Philip's You'll Never Eat Lunch in This Town Again, an agonizing process Signorile compared to "getting mental root canal done."

Although Queer in America marks a shift (and maturation, some might say) in Signorile's investigative reporting, there are many thoroughly detailed accounts of his ex-periences at *OutWeek*, from the Malcolm Forbes escapades to his numerous calls



Michelangelo Signorile

for fax zaps at the offices of

for fax zaps at the offices of then-closeted David Geffen, Sandy Gallen, and Liz Smith, among others. But there are no new named "outees." As to the names of the un-named, Signorile says, "Insid-ers will figure it out." For in-stance, a prominent closeted politician who forced a sexual relationship on one of his asrelationship on one of his as-sistants is referred to as The

sistants is referred to as The Legislator.
Signorile and his editor, Mitchell Ivers, one of Random House's more openly gay senior editors, knew that if there was an outing "about some silly Hollywood celebrity," it would completely overshadow the intent of the book, which is to rationally continue the debate in favor of outing.

of outing.

The Bay Area Reporter spoke with Signorile via telephone days before he began his national book tour.

Jim Provenzano: How does *Queer in America* differ from your magazine stories?

Michelangelo Signorile: The purpose of this book was to really show the closet. In the entire outing debate, what was really problematic about it was we were presenting the solution without having shown people the problem. The problem is the combination of the closet and power. I wanted to get these stories across. Had I intended to out people, I wouldn't have been able to get the information I obtained. I wanted to interview closeted people, let view closeted people, let [readers] know what hell they lived in first hand, from them. I could not interview them and out them, or interview them and not out them. For right now I really want to present their stories, like the people who are victimized by the closeted. I was able to present the complexities of their closet in a way I wouldn't have been able to otherwise. I wouldn't have their exper-

So this explains the less scandalous tone.

Before we proceed further, a real clear analysis of what it's like needs to be presented. That doesn't mean I or any

one else will or should protect any of these people in the future in further articles. They very well may be outed.

The gossip people will be disappointed, hard core activists don't need a case book tryists don't need a case book presented again. There's a re-ally broad spectrum of people that need to have the case presented to them, and need to be convinced of how dangerous the closeted in power can be. Those are the people

can be. Those are the people I want to reach.
In OutWeek, my yelling and screaming really galvanized the like-minded. Anger is good for that. The really harder part is to convince the people who don't agree. Rational, long, laborious, arguments are what work, and that's what I'm trying to do.

It's a very contemporary book, describing events from 1988 up to the Basic Instinct and Oscar demonstrations and the election of Bill Clinton.

The last five years were an incredibly pivotal part of the gay movement. What this shows is that it really was a real mass movement. When we were doing it, it looked all we were toning it, it looked an hit or miss, crazy, like there was no sense to it. Looking back, it was a mass movement where people really worked in sync. The people who sounded the alarms, people who took up the call, peo-ple who took up the call, peo-ple who organized the demonstrations, others who were the insiders — it really worked very systematically. Back then it was all crazy, but it really accomplished a lot.

You sent galleys to a lot of different people—activist friends, including Larry Kramer.

I wanted to make sure it was accurate. I wanted to make sure it was presented right, that they felt the energy from it. The people who are really, deeply, deeply closeted didn't even want to go near it. Some people came out a little more after reading it. I'm al-ways afraid that those people feel threatened or targeted by this stuff, but it simply wasn't the case. They felt empow-

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### Profile

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How was the early re sponse, especially at Random House?

The interesting thing was the straight liberals. They felt that it was an enormous, unbelievable, unending pounding of them. These are the New York intellectuals who have edited every civil rights book from the word go. They think they're doing everything the right way, and suddenly they read this book and they left it feeling — and we're saying — that they construct the closet and they keep it going, whether they're in Hollywood, New York, or Washington. I think they couldn't deal with that. This whole idea of outing and the closet has moved up the food chain. It used to be a fight within the gay community, with the tracight liberals got of laugh. that it was an enormous, un-

the gay community, with the straight liberals sort of laugh-ing at it or thinking it was cute or giving the party line quote from the "good gays" about how terrible this was. about now terrible this was.

Now, I think a lot of the gay community will be behind this book, because it sympathizes with those in the closet, thizes with those in the closet, even those in power, in a way, It's gonna be the straight liberals who are gonna freak out. They're gonna feel very targeted here.

Larry Kramer said, after reading it a second time, that

"What you're saying is it's heterosexuals who keep us in the closet. How dare they?" I think that we need to focus on the straight people who do it, promoting the closet. If they feel like we're targeting them, it's finally gonna bother them

### What was it like going to these places? How did you get these people?

It was really a lot of work. It was really a lot of work. I had a great time and everything. Collecting information is always fun, the writing is the hard part. I would spend the whole day interviewing people. Half hour time slots for twelve hours, breakfast to dinner meetings. I started with people I knew from previous dinner meetings. I started with people I knew from previous stories or from gay organizations, gay publications and I'd say "okay, I want a picture of this town. I want a picture of the closet. I'm not here to get the names of everyone you know who's homosexual. I just want ten names of ten people. want ten names of ten people who you think will give me an accurate picture of what goes on here." I would go to those ten people, and they would give me ten people. Before you know it, you've hit paydirt, people who've been sexually harassed

dirt, people who ve been sexually harassed.

At night I would hit the bars. In Washington I'd go to JR's, go to the places where people on the Hill and government would hang out, get myself invited to parties. I never identified myself as a journalist but I never quoted people ist, but I never quoted people from those encounters. That was just for my observation, how they behave in a social situation. I said I worked in the fashion industry.

### How could you do that when you had a column in *The Advocate*?

People really did not recog nize me. The beauty of tracking closeted and semi-closeted people is that they're so sort of in denial and out of touch. They're less likely to even know your face. It was very rare that someone would say, "You look very familiar," or

"Aren't you...?" I also, well, the I went to The Advocate I was just starting the book, I purposely grew the goatee! When I did this research I had very short hair and a clean-shaven

#### So you were incognito?

I wasn't really incognito. I was incognito in the column! Once I finished the book, my column picture was back to normal! I'm sure afterward some people said "wait a minute!"

### How do you respond to those who say that you're using your journalism to further an activist agenda?

That really is the tradition of journalism, and really the tradition of journalism going way back before this country. This whole thing about objectivity is a fairly 20th-century notion in America only, something that was invented. Newspapers here all had their biases completely out in the open. es completely out in the open. In Europe it's still that way. You have ten papers; the leftist paper, the right wing paper, the moderate paper, and that's how it is. The tradition of jour-nalism is to show the facts to the public in your eyes, to be honest about your bias.

It's more devious to try to say you're being objective when you really have a bias. That's what journalism in this country has become. That's baloney. The Washington Post and The New York Times have an agenda. They do pro-tect a certain established or-der, and they try to pose it as

something else. That's more insidious, and for a Randy Shilts to try to fit into that I think is more insidious than saying "No, I'm about this, and this is what I'm doing." Susan Faludi says, "I'm about this." That is, to me, the tradition of journalism. She's showing you an entire viewpoint.

How did you feel when people like Sandra Bern-hard called *OutWeek* a bunch of "fascists" and Randy Shilts threw out the term "Lavender Fas-cists" to The Advocate, where you outed Pete Williams?

We throw this word around so much in this community so much in this community that it's lost its potency. When it's hurled at me, I wanna say, "Do you really know what fascism is? Have you followed history? Do you know what Nazism is?" Randy Shilts calling people in this community "brown shirts" is an insult not call to a but to reach who have to rea only to us, but to people who suffered under the hands of the Nazis. It's disgusting.

You're still dealing with an older generation of journalists who have al-ways been put off by smaller gay papers that scoop them. We've been out since before our writing careers and they've re-ceived accolades for coming out in straight papers in jobs that they got while being closeted. Is it just a generational thing?

It's both generational, but it's about what they come out of, where we all came from. I basically threw my career

away. It fell apart. I was in th mainstream press, and it fell apart because of my activism. I then went to OutWeek and I I then went to OutWeek and I had absolutely nothing to lose anymore. I was gonna do whatever I had to do, because we were battling this AIDS crisis. I spoke my mind completely. Who would have known that it would actually become something? I never knew that. I didn't know I could build a career from that. I'm only just beginning to learn that. I'm always thinking that the next thing I do just ruins me again!

ins me again!

I was operating in a situation of having nothing more to lose. These people come out of a situation of being in main-stream journalism and trying to climb their way to the top. "I'll be the openly gay pundit. I'll follow all the rules." They could not follow the gay com-munity's idea of the kind of activism we were putting forth at the time

They feel that they have to criticize it, to distinguish themselves from these gay radicals, from someone like me, because they want to show their bosses that they are not that. "I'm gay, but I am just like you. I also think that these people are radicals and they are crazy and off the deep end." They're operating from trying to save something and trying to get more of it. I had lost everything and didn't care.

Your book covers a lot of ground, but treads lightly on the failure of OutWeek, the dissipation in the activist community and the ravages of AIDS. It's about AIDS, ACT UP, Queer Nation and OutWeek only in the way that it was directly related to the closet. This is not a history of the gay movement, or the AIDS crisis. I think each of those would be a great topic. Why did these groups flame up and then fizzle out? That's an interesting thing, and certainly something people want to read about.

What about the problem of providing or naming sources? The straight lib-eral press seems to find fault when gay writers don't name outing sources.

I really try not to provide sources that will say...for instance, Pete Williams. I had a lot more about people sleeping with him, but I would rather not bring those sources out. I would rather be able to provide which we have the provided with the leave to the same transfer.

vide you with the least amount about his private life.

I think it's fine to say someone is gay, but then if you are talking about their sleeping arrangements, or who he has sex rangements, or who he has sex with, you are going into personal facts. I'd rather not talk about that stuff. Instead you talk to people they work with.

Donna Minkowitz did a great job with Anne Imelda Radice. She pretty much proved that she was a lesbian without the providing the province of the prov

without ever providing a source that she slept with. I think that's great. She talked to people who she worked with, who she socialized with.

Journalism is based on anonymous sources. They think it's hypocritical to say someone is gay and then use

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John Kairos Director

John McGrann is the director of Kairos. After testing HIV-positive in 1988, he made the decision to put his energy into taking care of himself and following his dream of starting a support house for

caregivers.
"The idea of Kairos came about from interviews with AIDS service providers where the need for caregiver cupport kept coming up." Me-Grann told the Bay Area Re-

Asked whether there is a need for another Kairos to meet the growing needs of caregivers in the city, Mc-

caregivers in the city, McGrann said the greater need is for the different health services to provide support for their own staff persons.

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March on Washington '93

MOW: The Reviews Are In..

by Jeff Fast

"I think it's obvious that the march happened in spite of itself, not because of the or-

of itself, not because of the organizers."
So spoke one San Franciscan who left Washington bitterly disappointed in the event. March on Washington organizers have been accused of discriminating against some gay and lesbian individuals. uals and groups, unprepared-ness in dealing with govern-ment agencies, failing to ar-range adequate sanitary facil-ities, and general disorganiza-

tion.

In addition, gay activists have objected to organizers' attempts to eliminate controversy in speakers' comments by excluding potentially controversial speakers altogether, and photographers and journalists have complained that non-gay newsmagazines were allowed backstage and given allowed backstage and given unlimited access to speakers and organizers, while gay media were not. MOW organizers did not return telephone calls to the Bay Area Reporter to respond to the charges.

AIDS activist and ACT UP founder Larry Kramer was specifically, explicitly, denied the opportunity to speak to the crowd from the stage. Kramer told the BA.R. that

Kramer told the B.A.R. that when he was brought onstage by Torie Osborn of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the resulting conflagra-Force, the resulting conflagra-tion backstage turned from "a screaming match" to actual physical violence. According to Kramer, a police officer that was then called by furi-ous march organizers assault-ed Robin Tyler, longtime Bay Area resident and events pro-moter.

A MOW receptionist, who wouldn't given his name because he said he was forbid-

cause he said he was forbidden from talking to the press, confirmed the event.

"Larry Kramer griping, is that anything new?" he said.
"That's what you get when you rush up on stage and grab the microphone without being invited." In fact, Kramer did not "rush" or "grab." He was introduced from the stage, just as all others who spoke.

Local activist Fabregas, who wanted to address the crowd about the ban on HIV-positive grants traveling into the country, did not speak from the stage. He was also excluded by the organizing committee members.

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Last year, Fabregas, himself an HIV-positive immigrant with legal resident status, delivered the opening remarks at the World AIDS Congress in Amsterdam and made national headlines upon his return by successfully defying the ban.

"Three times I was told I couldn't speak [from the stage in Washington]," said Fabregas, to the B.A.R. In the same way it's more appropriate for a woman than a man to speak about women's issues, so it also would have been to let a person affected by this issue speak rather they leave it to white clivren. by this issue speak rather than leave it to white citizens.

than leave it to white citizens. There are those of us who can be denied re-entry each time we leave the country. But they were completely insensitive. I'm pissed. I feel like I bumped into a totally unreceptive wall."

The intergenerational sex advocacy group NAMBLA, which had planned for months to join the march, was informed the Friday beforehand that it was banned from participating. It did so anyway, within the North Carolina contingent.

"Not everyone appreciated"

carolina contingent.
"Not everyone appreciated the fact that they joined us," said Larry Woods, a member of North Carolina's Gay and Lesbian Alliance in Cahpel Hill, to the B.A.R. "But most

of us felt sorry for them. It was obvious these people had traveled cross-country be-cause they thought they'd be marching. They spent money and time to come to an event they were suddenly shut out

of.
"People probably now mis-takenly think that NAMBLA is hugely popular in North Carolina," Woods added. "But I think the general concensus is that we're glad they joined

The drag activist group The Sisters of Perpetual In-dulgence was invited to ap-pear on stage, but also had its

speakers from Oregon were categorically excluded from speaking, allegedly because organizers feared Oregonians "might be too political".

"This was supposed to be a march for solidarity, not divi-siveness," said the MOW em-ployee. "I'm sure that if we knew what some speakers were planning on saying be-fore they said it, they wouldn't have been invited ei-

But perhaps the most s ous accusation against MOW organizers is that it was unprepared to fight with the National Park Police about crowd size estimations. MOW estimated 1.1 million participates and the NPP estimated. pants and the NPP estimated 300,000. Because the park police are the government's official crowd-counters, 300,000 will most likely become the historical record, whether correct or not.



### ...And It's Coming to A Theatre Near You

by Mike Salinas

It only took ten days for the Christian Action Network to produce a slick 30-minute video about the April 25 March on Washington.

The group took out a quarter-page ad in the Washington Times on May 4, heralding a May 5 "exclusive screening"

ing."
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CAN says the film is "open to Congressmembers and their staffs," without further

their staffs," without further explanation.
"The homosexual movement is stripped bare, during this revealing 30-minute look at the recent March on Washington," the copy reads. "This video shows 'gay pride' at its undiluted unexpurgated best. This is what they wanted This is what they wanted America to see, but the net-works were not about to

show.
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When about a dozen holi-Congressional staffers arrived for the screening at the Everett Dirkson Federal Office Building, they were barred by Congressonal Police and CAN members from attending. ▼



The Reverend Jesse Jackson and Jim Hormel

### Civil Rights Coalitions:

### "Live Together or Die Apart as Fools"

by David O'Connor

National Organization for Women Executive Vice Pres-ident Kim Gandy recalls a favorite image from the April 25 March on Washington: a multitude of men carrying "Lesbian Rights NOW" signs around the nation's capital.

"It's heartening to see that kind of solidarity," Gandy said. "It has not always been

said. "It has not always been there."

But solidarity reigned at the march as leaders from a wide range of civil rights organizations addressed the hundreds of thousands gathered to support equal rights for lesbians and gays. Among featured speakers were NOW President Patricia Ireland, NAACP board Chairman William Gibson, and Rainbow Coalition founder, the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Reverend Jesse Jackson.

"The human family must live together or die apart as fools," Jackson told the crowd.

"We must bring down the walls that divide and degrade the American neople because. the American people because of their race, sex, sexual ori-entation, religion, or status. "We have this awesome yet simple burden of choosing

multiracial, multicultural, a multiracial, multicultural, and multi-orientation quality of humanity, or the ugly viciousness of ethnic cleansing and gender oppression."

Collaboration between gay

Collaboration between gay and lesbian, women's, and African-American organizations is crucial to winning equality for all minorities, civil rights leaders agreed.

"In every sense, the oppression of all people affects women and the oppression of women affects all people," Gandy said. "There's an inextricable link between oppression of lesbians and gays and

tricable link between oppression of lesbians and gays and oppression of women. If we don't work together we're going to suffer together."

As lesbians and gays build bridges with other civil rights movements, they also must address racism within the gay community itself, said Phill Wilson, executive director of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. Strategy toward that end includes a commitment to diversity

toward that end includes a commitment to diversity among gay organizations and gay leaders, he said.

"We are never going to be powerful enough to win any of the battles we need to win in isolation and we have never won any battle that we have such in including." Will. have won in isolation," Wil-son said. "The successes we've had have all been de-pendent on some sort of coali-tion or our ability to communicate to the larger communi-ty why our issues are also their issues. In the past we've

gone to various tables with our hand out saying, 'this is what we want you to help us with.' As we mature we must go the tables as a partner and

say, 'this is how we can help."

Gregory Evans, president of the Oregon/Washington state conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said lesbians and gays can support the association by besupport the association by be-coming members or by mak-ing phone calls in support of NAACP stands — action that can counter the influence of NAACP members who op-pose gay rights, he said. Specific issues that the NAACP could use help on in-clude the drive for increased political access through "motor voter" bills and the fight to

voter" bills and the fight to end housing discrimination — which, Evans pointed out, af-fects both the black and les-

fects both the black and les-bian and gay communities.

One obvious tie between gay rights and women's rights, NOW's Gandy said, is in the fight for privacy that encompasses both sodomy laws and reproductive rights.

"The Roe v. Wade decision is based on the right to privacy in the Constitution, that same right to privacy untal same rights.

that same right to privacy under which we should also respect the privacy of what peo-ple do in their bedrooms," Gandy said.

### Liberation: a yes or no thing

Wilson, of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Fo-rum, credited gay African-Americans with doing a lot of

Americans with doing a lot of the work that has won support from the NAACP.

"Hopefully it sends a message to the rest of the gay and lesbian community about how important it is to have a multicultural intra-gay and lesbian community." Wilson said. "People are beginning to understand that discrimination is discrimination is discrimination is discrimination.

understand that discrimina-tion is discrimination is dis-crimination."

Wilson applauded march organizers for including is-sues which some considered beyond the usual goals of gay activists. In addition to calls for gay civil rights legislation and increased AIDS funding, march demands addressed, among other things, issues of

among other things, issues of racism, women's health, sexism, and economic disparity. "The march was about liberating gay and lesbian and bi people," Wilson said. "Liberation is really a yes or no thing. If this movement is interested in liberating me as a gay man, my liberation is de-pendent upon an end to racism. Otherwise, this particular gay man is not liberated."

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### **National News**

### **Jesus Flies Continental**

by Karen Ocamb

Lesbians and gays flying Continental Airlines seemed pleased with the courtesy, kidding around, and welcom-ing overtures directed at gay passengers.

passengers.
Except on Continental
flight 104, flying from LAX to
Washington through Houston.
That April 22 started off

That April 22 started off flush with excitement for passenger Dan Dawson, who had "scrimped and saved" to go to the March on Washington. He and other enthusiastic gays "camped" their way on board. But Continental flight attendant Angelique Mauzey greeted them with a scowl and folded arms. "She is not amused," Nick DeMartino noted.

noted.

The flight was a joy at first. Dawson felt "like I was safe on a school bus load of friends on route to a field trip," he wrote later in a letter

trip," he wrote later in a letter of complaint.

Then Mauzey, an attractive, thirty-ish flight attendant from the first class section, asked where the gays in coach were from. "West Hollywood, can't you tell?" they joked.

"Why ware you all going.

"Why — are you all going to Washington to march for your perversion rights? You are all just sexual perverts, it says so in the Bible. You just need Jesus to be saved," De-Martino remembers Mauzey

Martino saying.

"Ninety percent of us thought it was a joke," De-Martino recalls. "We all went 'Ooooooo.' Then we realized she was not kidding." Someone cut the tension with: one cut the tension with:
"The Bible also says you should be barefoot, pregnant, and at home in the kitchen."
"I thought I had misunder-stood her," Dawson recalled.
"I thought that she had been realized and inches and I did not

making a joke and I did not hear the punchline." Other passengers were also stunned, though many shrugged it off as "ignorance."

But Dawson and fellow Frontiers NewsMagazine staffer Demartino were swelling with rage. Although one flight attendant instantly apologized, Dawson was not assuaged and demanded an apology from Mauzey.



Mauzey, however, was aparently too "afraid" to do so. fter Dawson demanded a After Dawson demanded a list of flight attendants, all but Mauzey identified themselves and welcomed him onboard. Mauzey had been taken off

duty.

Frontiers publisher Bob Craig and his lover Joel Heurtebise were sitting in first class. Craig is also the owner of Select Travel Service, which booked five group flights with Continental.

"One of the flight attendants came up to me and was very apologetic. She said 'this is not the policy of Continental Airlines and all of us are very embarrassed that this oc

very embarrassed that this oc-curred," Craig recalls. "Ev-erybody has their own per-sonal opinions, but when you're greeting the public, you do not have the right to express

In Houston, Dawson met with an apologetic Continental delegation, including a "terrified" Mauzey. "She said "Tm so sorry. I never meant to hurt anyone. I was just trying to be a good Christian," Daw-



"If this is your opinion of being Christian, then you're the kind of person who gives Christianity a bad name," he

While praising Continental for going "far beyond the call of duty" in helping Select Travel and giving scores of low-rated seats to the March committee, Select travel agent Rand Wiseman-Curright says the incident should never have happened.

"I told the Group Desk [in February, when the flight was booked] to let all the flight crews and gate attendants know that this is a gay, lesbian, transgender, and

lesbian, transgender, and transsexual group going to Washington to march for our civil rights," he says. "And they should let any insensitive staff members know the na-

wiseman-Curtright says that since this was an "in-flight" incident, the Federal Aviation Administration is

also investigating.

"We have met with the flight attendent, and have made certain that the individual is aware of Continental's policy," Peggy Mahoney, Continental of the continent of the cont tinental spokesperson told the Bay Area Reporter. "We are concerned about the inappropriate conduct

"Continental definitely does not condone any behavior of this nature." ▼

### American

gay rights activists group onbd [on board] - outbd [out-bound] Capt ["Woody" Kim-brough] agreed."

Several gay American em-ployees called Taffet to com-plain about the memo, as well plain about the memo, as well as another policy, enforced the week before, which pro-hibits employees from wear-ing the red AIDS awareness ribbon on their uniforms. Other American employees, however, emphasized that the "pillows and blankets" inci-dent was not American excli-

"pillows and blankets" incident was not American policy, said Taffet, who is also vice-president of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

After a flurry of news reports, American Airlines released an internal memo from Chair, President and CEO Robert L. Crandall apologizing for the incident.

"I want everyone to know that the company views these

that the company views these events as deplorable,"Crandall wrote. "We have an aggressive policy of non-discrimination against any individual or group of individuals and this policy explicitly forbide." this policy explicitly forbids discrimination for reasons of sexual preference. This policy is especially appropriate for American because we have

one of the most diverse work groups in America.
"Standing behind this pol-

icy is a very active program of AIDS education for em-ployees," the Crandall memo continues. "In addition we taken a very pro-active



position towards training our ground and in-flight people to respond with sensitivity and understanding to situations that might involved contact

with disease-causing agents like hepatitis B and HIV. "American Airlines apologizes to anyone who was of-fended by the unfortunate ac-tions of the few employees in-volved in this unhappy inci-dent. Their actions do not re-flect American Airlines's pol-icy or practice and everyone icy or practice and everyone has my pledge that we will do everything possible to en-sure that such lapses in judg-

ment do not occur in the fu-ture," Crandall concludes.

The apology was accepted by Taffet who feels that the memo is a "clear statement about non-discrimination."

"What we are most offend-ed by and concerned by is the

ed by and concerned by is the internal computer message," says American Airlines spokesperson Tim Smith. He says the airline's internal investigation indicates that the crew asked for a resupply of blankets "because a flight at-tendant used several blankets to clean up a large food spill and they knew the outbound flight would be a late night

flight would be a late night flight where passengers would want blankets."

As to the red ribbons, Smith says that the policy is intended to discourage the wearing of any type of "button, pin, medallion, or anything else that promotes a cause or fundraising activity" on the employee's uniform. "Many of our own employees have," died of AIDS," Smith says, and it is not something we take lightly."

Gregory Adams, March on

we take lightly."
Gregory Adams, March on Washington Communication director, says that he will confer with "HIV organizations" before asking to meet with American executives to discuss the apparent "HIV-phobia."

### **GLAAD Media Watch**

he US Park Service needs to learn—again—how to count. In a gross under-estimate, it said April 25 that 300,000 peosaid April 25 that 300,000 people attended the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights. Unfortunately, a number of media outlets and talk-show homophobes reported this figure as

phobes reported this figure as an "authoritative" estimate. MOW organizers estimated the crowd size at 1.1 million. The District of Columbia Office of Emergency Preparedness counted a million. Missing the count by a possible 700,000 stretches the limits of statistical reason. The Park Service's "error" is suspiciously Orwellian and certainly suspect. We must resist this latest attempt to rewrite our history. The Cabinet Officer in charge of the USPS is Bruce

Charge of the USPS is Bruce Babbit, Department of the In-terior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240, tel. 202-208-7351, fax 202-208-6956.

### **Teaching Intolerance**

Twice each year, the Southern Poverty Law Center publishes Teaching Tolerance. The nationally-respected publication is primarily intended to assist teachers in combating bigotry through education

Last fall, a Teaching Toler-ce editor contacted Bay Area filmmaker Pam Walton for assistance with a proposed article featuring Gay Youth, a video produced by Walton for use in schools. Walton says use in schools. Walton says she was informed this spring that the article would not be published after all: the editor told Walton that SPLC reversed itself because of virulently homophobic reactions from some of their major denotes the prestriction. from some of their major donors to an article on "Project 10" that had appeared in the previous issue of Teaching Tolerance. "Project 10" is a Los Angeles-based program that provides counseling and educational support to lesbian, gay and bisexual schoolkids. Although SPLC has established an outstanding record in advocating for social justice, it needs to be reminded that homophobia is inexcusable—whether or not it comes from major donors. Homophobic

whether of not it comes from major donors. Homophobic bigots who write checks to worthwhile causes are still ho-mophobic bigots. Prejudice should never be overlooked in the name of philanthropy.

Send your comments to Sarah Bullard, Editor, Teaching Tolerance, Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Mont-gomery, AL 36104, tel. 205-264-0286.

### Magazine Visibility

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Lesbian and gay subjects have recently shown up in mainstream magazines. Informative and (mostly) affirmative articles appear in Vanity Fair, Details, Esquire Gentleman and Woman's World.
The May 1993Vanity Fair includes a lengthy article on "The Gay Nineties," written by Luisita Lopez Torregrosa. It profiles a number of "established" lesbian and gay activists and identifies some key struggles and objectives. Among those interviewed are Among those interviewed are Urvashi Vaid, David Mixner, Hilary Rosen, and Pat Ireland. The May 1993 Details of-fers a two-page photo spread on "Video Wars: Gay Rights

Versus the Religious Right," versus the Religious Kignt, contrasting images from the homophobic hate video *The Gay Agenda* with scenes from the Gay & Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign's *Hate, Lies and Videotape*.

The premiere "Collectors'

The premiere "Collectors' Edition" of the fashion magazine Esquire Gentleman (Spring 1993) contains "The Gay Factor in Fashion." Richard Martin, curator of the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, wrote the essay, in which he examines "how gay men have changed the landscape of style." The unexpectedly-thoughtful article is unique, since many men's fashion magazines continue to pretend that their readership is made up of ex-

readership is made up of exclusively heterosexual men.
The April 27 edition of the supermarket tabloid Woman's World includes "My Son Is Gay," a feature story written by one of the magazine's readers, Peggy Stabile. Stabile recounts the struggle to understand her gay son, Jeff. Stabile concludes her essay by stating, "I can honestly say I wouldn't want to change my son for the world. I love him just the way world. I love him just the way he is." The feature story also refers readers to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Friends of Lesbians and Gays and provides a toll-free-number for PFLAG. Send feedback to any or all of the following: E. Graydon Carter, Editor-in-Chief, Vanity Fair, 350 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, 10017. James Truman, Editor-in-Chief, Details, 632 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. Woody Houchswender, Editor, Esquire Gentleman, 1790 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. Dena Vane, Editor-in-Chief, Woman's World, 270 Sylvan Dena Vane, Editor-in-Chiet, Woman's World, 270 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, Include your phone number if you want your letter considered for publication.

#### Day One

The April 25 broadcast of the ABC news-magazine Day One included a segment produced by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman. In it, the producers asked over a dozen prominent women and men "what it meant to be between or one." meant to be lesbian or gay.'
Previous productions by Rob Previous productions by Rob Epstein include the award-winning documentary The Times of Harvey Milk. Send supportive comments to Tom Yellin, Executive Producer, ABC News, Day One, 147 Columbus Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10023.

#### Newsletter News

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InsideOUT, an international newsletter for lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning young people, is published by the Bay Area Sexual Minority Network, P.O. Box 460268, San Francisco, CA 94146-0268.

Just For Us is a free, quarterly newsletter by, for and about children of lesbians and gay men. To subscribe, write to Just For Us Newsletter, 3023 North Clark, Box 121, Chicago, IL 60657.

The Out Performance Fund Quarterly is a newsletter dedicated to "making the world a better place for lesbians gays bisexuals and all people supporting the work of 'out' performance artists, musicians, and comics." For details, write to Flirtations, P.O. Box 421, Prince St. Station, New York, NY 10012-0008. ▼

The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible supply us with documentation. Our office number is 415-861-4588; South Bay Hotline 408-235-0229; East Bay Hotline 510-273-9146; fax 415-861-4893. Our mailing address is GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114.

### California News

Sacto School Censors Celebration of First Amendment:

### What's Wrong With This Picture?

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit Friday, April 16, on behalf of a group of high school students who were refused permission to paint a hallway mural on the First Amendment that depict-

The lawsuit accused the Elk Grove Unified School District of censoring the students in violation of their constitutional right to free speech by rejecting their proposal to paint the mural in a school

hallway.

"It's ironic that a mural created to celebrate the First Amendment and its tolerance for dissent should itself fall victim to intolerance," ACLU staff attorney Ann Brick said.

At issue is a proposed mural by the Elk Grove High School Model U.N./Junior Statesmen of America Club. The group submitted its design in 1991 when the school invited student clubs to paint

murals in school hallways.

The design featured a burning American flag, along with the text of the First Amendment and a citation from a controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld the constitutional pro-

tection for flag burning.
"The murals were intended to represent the essence of each organization and reflect its activities, goals, and val-ues," said Heather Markgraf, a senior who is now president of the 15-member club. "Our design reflects our belief in, and support of, the constitutional rights of free speech and free expression and the tolerance for public controver-

tolerance for public controversy and dissent which these constitutional rights protect."
Principal Paula Duncan rejected the mural in 1991 and 1992, telling the group that their design was too controversial and might offend other students.
"The message of protecting

er students.

"The message of protecting
First Amendment rights gets
lost in the symbol [of the
burning flag], because it's
such an emotionally charged
issue," Duncan said. "What
they see is you're burning our
country's symbol, and that's
very emotional."

they see is your burning our country's symbol, and that's very emotional."

Duncan said she feared it could have appeared the school was endorsing flagburning if the mural was painted on a permanent wall in the school. She asked the students to paint the flag without flames, but they refused and appealed her decision to the school board.

The board upheld Duncan's decision February 16, despite a letter from the ACLU contending that the state Education Code protects the students' freedom of expression in school.

The ACLU noted that other student groups were allowed to paint murals with

er student groups were allowed to paint murals with potentially controversial topics. The American Indian

Movement depicted a raised clenched fist; the Ebony Club featured political figures Angela Davis, Huey Newton, and Malcolm X; and the Asian Pacific Islanders Club depicted the flags of communist Vietnam and China.

The ACLU lawsuit, filed in Sacramento County Superior Court on behalf of Margraf and seven other students, seeks a court order that would allow the students to paint their mural in the hallway alongside the murals of

way alongside the murals of other student groups. "One of the goals of our class and of our school district is to teach students critical thinking skills," said David Hill, a social studies teacher and adviser to the student group. "The students' innovagroup. "The students' innova-tive mural proposal and their willingness to fight for it shows that they have learned their lesson well."

Duncan agreed that stu-dents were learning a "very powerful" lesson in their fight with school officials, but ex-

pressed concern it could cost the cash-strapped district money that could be spent on

money that could be spent on education programs, as well as divide the school.

"It has the potential for dividing people. One of the strengths of a high school is that its culture needs to be a positive atmosphere. [This issue] has the potential for being pretty divisive," she said.

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### Christopher Wayne

May 3, 1993

Christopher Wayne Williams, age 33, quietly left his family and friends Monday, May 3, 1993, and passed on from complications arising from AIDS-related complex and acute diabetes in his hometown of Fresno, California.



As a former resident of San Fran-cisco, Christopher was well known in the restaurant trade, having worked as a waiter at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel and as a frequent server at various functions and banquets. Christopher is survived by his mother, Rosalie Cain; father, John Williams, both of Fresno; and sister, Lynn Fesig of Merwell.

Williams, both of Fresno; and sister, Lynn Essig of Merced.

A memorial service for Christopher's family and friends will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 6, 1993, at the Cliff House in San Francisco. The family requests that donations in lieu of flowers be made in Christopher's name to Shanti Project, 525 Howard St., SF, 94105. ▼

#### Michael Louis Marin May 28, 1923-April 22, 1993

Michael Louis Marin, born May 28, 1923, in New Iberia, Louisana, died April 22, 1993 in Thousand Palms,

Mr. Marin was self-employed for over

Mr. Marin was self-employed for over 20 years in San Francisco after a 16-year career in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He retired to the desert in 1990. He is survived by several generations of a very loving family in Louisana, Alabama and Texas and a legion of loving friends in Michigan, Illinois and California. ▼



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#### Jami (Virginia) Ramirez April 9, 1946-April 25, 1993

Jami Ramirez died in the arms of her lover Gail



Dekreon on Sunday morning, April 25, 1993 at 6:25, after fighting colon cancer for six months with every hone and

cancer for six months with every bone and fiber in her body. Jami was born in Los Angeles and moved to Stockton while still a baby. She loved San Francisco and made her home here in 1965. Jami was always out as a lesin 1965. Jami was always out as a les-bian, living during the time of our history when it was illegal for women to dance together or hold hands, and when police raids on lesbian-gay bars

were routine.

She was a student at San Francisco State University, full and part-time, from 1973-79, where she was the Associate Director of the Women's Center. She worked for the City and County of San Francisco from 1977-85 with the Board of Supervisors, Controller's Office, Department of Social Services, and MUNI Railway.

For the past seven years, she managed the business of her lover's law practice, the San Francisco Traffic Clinic.

Clinic.

Jami was a beautiful singer with a smooth alto voice. She sang in nightclubs in Stockton, and in San Francisco she performed with the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Chorus and the Vocal Minority.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, May 9, 1993 at 2 p.m. at the Neptune Society Columbarium, 1 Loraine Court, San Francisco. Contributions may be made in her memory to your favorite charity. No flowers. your favorite charity. No flowers,

#### German (Herman) Gonzalez Feb. 21, 1962-April 27, 1993



bed over his bridge at home with his lover, family and friends by his side after a brave fight with AIDS. German was orn in Guadalaborn in Guadala-jara, Mexico. He moved to the East Bay at the age of seven and then to San Fan-cisco, the city he worked in many

loved, in 1982. German worked in many restaurants, including Max's and the St. Francis. He will always be remembered for his big open heart, beautiful eyes, the most gorgeous smile ever, plus the undying love he shared with his fami-ly and friends.

ly and friends.

Grieving his death are his large family, friends, and lover, Daniel Bergerac.

German wanted to thank the following people for helping during his crossing. Connie, Christine, Mario, Bill,

Roger, Bruce, J.K., Raquel, Cloisa, Amy,

T.P.C., Mary Kay, Wendy, Dr. Price,

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Mass and memorial service was held
on Friday, April 30, 1993, at 11 a.m., at
Most Holy Redeemer.

For more information, call Dan at (415) 252-0239, donations may be made in German's name to Kairos Support for Caregivers, 114 Douglas St., SF 94114.

### **Obituary Policy**

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy.

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste.

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

#### Anthony V. Siramarco March 9, 1963-April 2, 1993

Tony died peacefully at home in Broomfield, Col



parents and sis-ter Liz at his side. Tony had many

friends. It was friends. It was easy to become one. A hand-some man, he possessed an inner beauty, strength, gener-osity, and unre-

lenting positive spirit.
Tony lived well. He loved Thai food,

world travel, sunning on Baker Beach, Beer Bust and the Eagle, fine restaurants, and especially fine chamrestaurants, and especially fine champagnes. He had a flair for hosting great parties, Just ask anyone there who has literally been "hosed off" by a bottle of champagne, or had to stumble down the eight flights of stairs to a waiting cab in the wee hours of the morning.

Tony gave much of himself to his community. He will be remembered for his generous contributions to AIDS-related causes and orpanizations and

related causes and organizations, and the San Fancisco AIDS Foundation in

particular.

The dignity, grace, and ever unrelenting positive spirit of the final months of his life will always serve as an inspiration to all 0 fu sw ho knew him.

He loved his Eskimo "puppy" Chewy, his family and his friends ... and we loved him.

We will miss him terribly.

A tree dedication is planned for 3 p.m. on Friday, May 14 in Golden Gate Park. For further information please call (415) 928-1524. 928-1524.

#### John Yeh

Nov. 2, 1953-April 23, 1993

Nov. 2, 1953 - April 23, 1993
Johnny was born in Taiwan and moved with his family to the Bay Area. He threw himself into learning the culture and language of his new country and began enjoying his newfound freedoms in San Francisco.

He served in

Francisco.

He served in the Taiwanese Army and was honorably discharged. For years, Johnny worked as a waiter in his sister's restaurant, Mandarin House, in San Rafael. He also worked as a waiter at the Olympic Club. He attended Heald the Olympic Club. He attended Heald Business College, studying accounting, and was employed by Sedgwick James, an insurance company in San Francisco, for just six months when he experienced his first bout with pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, which left him permanently disabled. He was proud to be the only member of his family to obtain a job with an American company and use only English in his work. Johnny faced his illness with incredible courage and dignity. He came out the Olympic Club. He attended Heald

ble courage and dignity. He came out as a gay man to his family, educated them about that, then came out to them as a Person With AIDS, and educated them about that, too. As he said, "I have done nothing wrong. Why should I be ashamed? Why should my family be ashamed?" because of his groundwork they are very proud of him.

they are very proud of him.

Johnny was charming, bright, considerate, generous, opinionated, honest
and direct, childlike (never childish),
and mature beyond his years. He taught
us all about loving and caring for others.

and mature beyond nis years. He augnt us all about loving and caring for others: He was the best friend anyone could have. He like to philosophize, analyze, and talk. He loved a party and good food, movies, music, travel, and people; what a wist, what a smile; what a testes; darnn, how we'll miss him!

Preceded in death by his father, Yun Chaio Yeh, Johnny is survived by his mother, Ying Hsio Kuo Yeh; by his sisters Lillian Tren, Maria Huang, Irene Fang, and Mei Ling Fang; by his brothers, Benny Yeh and Jimmy Yeh; and by five nieces and five nephews. Also bereft are his friends David Bentley, Roy Birchard, Tee Lim, Frank Waught, Cindy and Bill Dammerer, Crayne, David, Ron, Phref, Bob, Tony, Paul and everyone in his GAPA Community HIV Project Support Group, and many firends throughout the community.

munity.

Thanks to all who helped him throughout his illness, especially to Bob for the massages, to the GAPA Community HIV Project, especially Kiki and Danny, the people at Kaiser Injection Center, his doctor, the people at Kaiser Hospital-SF, and Adam of Adam's House in San Rafael.

Rest in peace, dearest friend.! ▼

#### **David Worrell**

Sept. 20, 1950-April 18, 1993



dinner parties), he will always be remembered as 'first chair,' by

"first chair," by his many friends and associates. In his long and courageous battle with AIDS, he taught us the values of timing and balance.
Graduating with his B.A. in economics from the University of Minnesota with high honors was only the beginning of a life of tersonal and now. beginning of a life of personal and pro-fessonal excellence. His lifelong career in the computer industry eventually led fessonal excellence. His lifelong career in the computer industry eventually led him to ADK Computer Systems, Inc. in Los Altos, where he distinguished himself in the education and sales departments. When he finally had to go on disability, his coworkers collectively donated a year's worth of their sick leave time so that David could continue to draw his full salary. This generous outpouring of affection touched David very deeply.

outpouring of anection touched David very deeply. David lived happily with his partner, Bruce Mack, and their two dogs in Pacifica, and enjoyed walks on the beach, Mozart, and fine dinners served

ip by Bruce

up by Bruce.

He is survived by his loving mother,
Roberta Worrell (who came from Colorado Springs, CO. to be with David in
his final days); his very special Aunt
Virginia Gillespie of San Jose; and Aunt
Reth. Anderson Betty Anderson

David's ashes were given to the waters just inside the Golden Gate Bridge by his longtime friend Walt Bridge by his longtime friend Walt Thorp, in a Neptune Society service. Additionally, a memorial service arranged by his good friend, Carol Saunders, was held in Los Gatos and included a musical tribute by the Monte Vista String Quartet; David's mother, who is an accomplished violinist, played in her son's place at the service. The planet will be a good bit less gay without your light, but David's gifts of love and music will fovever be with us.

### **Evan Zapata**



sure gonna miss you. So many people miss you already. We do want to

We do want to thank you for the time you spent with us. And for everything you did for your friends and the entire community (gay and sraight). Not only were you the first openly gay peace officer in the entire US., you were also one of the founding there of the Codden Stetz Police Off. fathers of the Golden State Police Officers Association — an organization which has helped many gay men and lesbians in San Francisco become peace officers who work to protect our

peace officers who work to protect our community.
You and others like you, were the trail blazers, opening doors for gay men and women and at the same time removing the blinders from the eyes of non-gays and showing them that people are peo-ple, no matter what their sexual orien-

tation.

Now we don't want you worrying about us up there. We will try to keep the lighting in your favorite bar, The Eagle, set just right; we'll make sure the pool table gets dusted and swept daily as well as the meat racks. We'll also make sure the heaters are on in the patio at the first hint of a chill.

We know you're probably holding

We know you're probably holding "Court" up there with John Abney, Dave Thomas, and all the others who Dave Thomas, and all the others who got paroled early, too. You have probably bored them already with stories of your escapades in Europe last year like the 15 brandies and cokes at the Eagle in Stuttgart which were prematurely evacuated at the next joint. And one of us running over your foot with the car and getting and staying lost in Berlin. When the Russians saw you with that black hat, they definitely knew that the "Yanks were comin." By the time we left Berlin. Here was much

knew that the "Yanks were comin." By the time we left Berlin, there was much talk about putting the Wall back up!

As far as things in the office, well, they say you're haunting the Xerox machine; the computers miss you so much they have decided to go down when we least expect it, and the damn phones are still ringing. We miss you, Evan. Viva Zapata!

### **Obituaries**

**Todd Steven Craig** May 3, 1993



ving in his convictions. Todd loved ethereal music like the Cocteau Twins, Enya and Dead Can Dance. In many of the used CD stores, he was so well known that clerks would greet him by name and save CDs especially for him. He also composed his own music, including many promising pieces influenced by his favorite artiss. In all the creative and intellectual arts, Todd showed a spark and met his studies and projects with enthusiasm. Like so many gay men, he had a wonderful sense of humor and would disarm stress with a ready joke. He was a powerful force who lived his life striving for harmony among his friends.

who lived his life striving for harmony among his friends.
Todd will be missed by his lover and domestic partner, Ben Templin, his mother, Kay Flint, sister, Joey, brother, Jeff, the Peace and Conflict Studies Department at UC Berkeley and his many friends.
In lieu of flowers, please send donations to LYRIC, (Lavender Youth Recreation & Info Center), the Todd Steven Craig Fund at 3543 18th Street, #31, SF, CA 94110. A celebration of Todd's life is planned for this weekend. Please call (415) 285-5095 for details. ▼

#### Daniel Mac Pogrelis, D.C. Oct. 20, 1951-April 27, 1993



April 27, 1993
at home in the arms
of his lover of
five years, Ron
Emery. He is
survived by his
children, Eric,
17, Zoe, 14, and
Asa, 13. Dan
adored his childern and was very. proud of being a

proud of being a gay parent
He was also proud of being a gay parent
He was also proud of being an openly gay Chiropractor, educator, and administrator — helping to found Life Chiropractic College West in San Lorenzo, CA; 1982-89.

After receiving an AIDS KS diagnosis in 1980, Dan devoted his time to non-profit arts administration. He served as President of the Board of Art-Span/SF Open Studios from 1990-92. He was presented a Certificate of Honor from the SF Board of Supervisors in October '92 for outstanding service to the people of the City and Country of San Francisco.

Dan will be missed by his femiliaria.

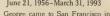
Francisco.

Dan will be missed by his family in Wentzville, MO and his many friends from college, ArtSpan, and his two-step partners. Special thanks to Ross, Susie, Francesca, Kathleen, Anne, Jeff, Connie and Dot (Ron's mom), for helping to care for Dan and allowing him to die at home, as were his wishes.

A memorial will be held on May 15th

A memorial will be held on May 15th at Spectrum Gallery at 511 Harrison St., SF, from 4-7 p.m. Dan requested no flowers. A memorial fund is being established in his name to purchase a bench for the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park. For futher information please call (415) 824-1139. ▼

#### **George Thomson** June 21, 1956-March 31, 1993





San Francisco in 1978 after graduating with a B.A. from the University of Virginia. He started in an entry level position at Charles Schwab and worked his way up to Systems Engineer. There he formed many wonderful

he formed many wonderful friendships. George was grateful to Schwab for the support and benefits that were continued throughout his battle with AIDS.

A fitness enthusiast, George loved gymnastics, aerobics, diving and dancing. He taught aerobics at the Central YMCA for six years and became a popular and demanding instructor. He also loved to travel, His favorite places were lbiza and Amsterdam. His most memorable trip was to Paris with his former lover, Fred Pieruccetti. He considered it the best trip he had.

Now, Fred and George, who were known as Stinkey and Pokey, are on another journey together. Fred passed away exactly one week before George. When George found out about Fred's death, he said, "I'm glad Fred is finally at peace and I am anxiously waiting to see him again."

George found out he was HIV

George found out he was HIV positive in 1985. In 1980, he had participated in a SF Clinic Hepatitis Study, He found out that a study of his blood sample later tested HIV positive. He knew then that he had actually contacted the virus just before 1980. He spent his last week with a visit from his sister, Barbara and his friend, Bobby. His brother, Robbie, also came and stayed with him. During the last two weeks of his life he was loved and cared for by the ever-faithful four who lovingly became known as "Nurse Ratchets," — Lisa, Mary, Anne and Michelle.

chets," — Lisa, Mary, Anne and Michelle.
George did not want to say he "leaves behind" family and close friends. He instead wants Jean Thomson, his mother; Barbara and Robbie, his sister and brother; and the four Ratchets to know that he is taking your love with him and "leaves behind" only his love for you. George was a loving and trusting friend who loved to laugh and knew how to listen. He was caring and thoughtful even in his last moments. A few hours before his left us he sat up and said "Good Luck," Anne said, "Good luck, George?" He said, "Yeah, I hope I like it!"
We hope you like it too, George. We miss you. You taught us about love and showed us our better side. \\*\Vert Venne Longer Man Palakers.

### Lonnie Max Rabara Nov. 9, 1945-Jan. 28, 1993



His rare imagination kept us all aware of how life can sometimes be more than what we see, sometimes not exactly as we hear, and above all, adventurous. Lonnie was a master of argument, He found ways to challenge you or piss you off with his stubbornness and bluntness. His determination to win was

found ways to challenge you or piss you off with his stubbornness and bluntness. His determination to win was often exhausting, But he never failed to make you think.

He requested that a formal dinner party, five-course with fine wine, be thrown for his friends. On February 27, his request was granted and 16 of his friends and family gathered to share an unforgettable time.

Lonnie was held by his best friend, Bobby, and his sisters Deborah and Michelle, as he continued his journey. His seven year battle with AIDS was over, his pain was no more. He is our brother, our friend who loved us unconditionally. We miss his laughter and his stories, but his life will continue to live in our hearts forever.

His sisters wish to thank the East Bay AIDS Clinic, VNA, Pat Dwelley, and Sisters Mary, Pat and K.C. of Providence House for their support. We also embrace those friends who did not leave after he became ill, you are a rarity. V

#### Joseph John Miano June 7, 1959-April 24, 1993



Joe left this earth to go to the place all heroes go. At his side was his lover of almost three years. He leaves behind many people in SF and N.Y. who

Tlived and loved with Joe, and learned many things during our too short life together. One was to be strong and courageous in the battle with AIDS, the other was to be free of alcohol and learn to face life clean and sober For those things we did together, I will be forever grateful. I and Joe would like to thank Dr. Polce, Dr. Dynes, and Dr. Alverlo, every one at health center #1, everyone at Davies Medical Center, especially the people at O.I.S. for putting up with his stub-bornness (his words). I would finally like to thank all of the friends who visited Joe and myself and all of the wonderful nurses. I lived and lov

Darlin', I never gave up on you, our love, your fight, our dreams. Save me a place up there. Donations in Joe's memory may be made to the S.F. AIDS Emergency Fund, 1550 California St., #7, SF 94109.

Miss you much. Love, Gilbert. V

### John Gilbert Pineiro June 15, 1947-April 21, 1993



Francisco for seven years gave moving testimony to that. One heard many works of thanks and praise, but the most frequent references were to honesty, strength of character, clarity of purpose and determination on the one hand, and to gentleness, kindness, hospitality and humility on the other. He had tried his Vocation as a Franciscan Friar. He had worked with the San Francisco Night Ministry, powerfully touching the lives of those hurting the most when it can be hardest to find someone to listen — in the middle of the night.

someone to listen — in the middle of the night.

Gilbert's care givers told of receiving a great deal from him.

Gilbert's struggle was a hard one. He is at peace. He will be missed very much. His mother, Alice Fallon, and his sisters, Alice and Pat Pineiro, his associates on the Night Ministry, the Franciscan brothers and sisters, his Shanti support person, Randy Allgaier, close friends like Bert, Jim, Richard and Rob. and his family of fellow Rob, and his family of fellow parishioners at St. Aidan's Church and many others have said a difficult farewill.

Go with God, brother. ▼

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### **Obituaries**

Matthew H. Carper Jan. 27, 1964-April 26, 1993 Our world became a less happy place



a less happy place on the afternoon of April 26, with the untimely death of our dear friend Matthew. Saddened and bereft though we are by our loss, we believe he would want us to remember him as he was before

illness

his illness: laughing dancing, doing drag, eating, doing drag, eating, eating and doing drag, and whatever our personal memories of him are, but foremost as a warm-hearted and thoughtful friend. There will never be another like him. He is gone far away from us now, but he will always be there in the place in our hearts, reserved just for him. A memorial service is planned for May 9, Call Stevie at 255-1509 or Robert at 255-4725 for details. ▼

#### Daven Bryce Balcomb 1958-1993



**HIV Watch** 

### Shanti Shenanigans

by Michael C. Botkin

he recent revelations of he recent revelations of mishandled monies at Shanti Project, one of the City's largest, oldest, most prestigious, and perhaps most importantly — best-funded PWA assistance groups, has further tarnished the once legendary "San Francisco model" of AIDS service organizing. Once hailed as the exemplar of service delivery, the "SF model" looks more expensive and less efficient every day, and

el" looks more expensive and less efficient every day, and people in high places have been heard to mutter "consolidation" and "cutbacks" in hopeful (if hushed) voices.

It would seem logical that if an organization mis-spends public monies, these funds should be taken away. But things are rarely so simple in the convoluted world of AIDS funding.

the convoluted world of AIDS funding. Look at AIDS Indigent Di-rect Services, which disas-trously flunked a city audit not long ago. It turns out that A.I.D.S., which manages benefits payments for its in-digent clients, used that money legally the property of the clients — to pay staff wages.
 This is a complete violation of dozens of funding rules and furthermore smacks of ex-

ploitation of a very oppressed and marginalized group. But when the City held hearings aimed at shutting off the flow of money to A.I.D.S., its clients rallied to the defense

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of their erstwhile exploiters. "If A.I.D.S. is shut down," they asked "who will deliver those services to us?" No one, it was obvious, was around to pick up the ball, so that the "solution" of reduced funding to A.I.D.S. would only punish the victims even more. The relevant panel voted to continue support to A.I.D.S., but also to monitor it more closely in the future. more closely in the future.

#### Hot-button issue

Another typical example is that of CURAS, the Latino AIDS education and outreach organization. Last year a coalition which included the group's founder, several ex-employees and a number of current clients demanded that the City investi-gate the organization's finances. Complaints included charges of mismanagement, theft and ho-

Varicose

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mophobia. A Federal audit found serious hanky-panky records, including a number of no-interest "loans" taken out by the accused honcha and her sidekicks.

The crooked director resigned and agreed to pay back her "loans," the board of direcher "loans," the board of directors was purged, and the group lost about a third of its funding. While CURAS's reorganization has doubtless benefited its clients, isn't the funding loss simply a further punishment of them for their exploiters' sins?

The CURAS crisis combined most of the current hotbutton issues in local AIDS funding: the question of equitable distribution to people of color, conflict between gay and

color, conflict between gay and non-gay AIDS organizers, the lackadaisical oversight prac-ticed (or not) by the city AIDS office, and the injustice of punitive budget cuts in retaliation for mismanagement by long-since absconded 'leaders."

A.I.D.S.'s Both A.I.D.S.'s and CURAS's troubles were small potatoes, however, compared to the Shanti Shenanigans. This was no penny-ante pilfering of Social Security checks or discreet raiding of the general fund: hundreds of thousands of dollars remain unaccounted for. Eric Rofes and Melinda Paras, respectively executive director Eric Rofes and Melinda Paras, respectively executive director and head of PR for Shanti, both resigned despite a notable lack of pressure from the City, the board of directors, or the community. No one knows what the ultimate fallout from the current crisis will be, but many AIDS service organizers fear that it is the beginning of the end for the "San Francisco model" of numerous, tightly-fo model" of numerous, tightly-fo cused and independently fund-

### Inexpertly cooked books

Few in the community be-lieve that anyone at Shanti was guilty of serious skulduggery or malicious mischief. Mostly it looks like bad book keeping ex-acerbated by a sudden flood of "Ryan White" money. At the end of every fiscal year Shanti, like most publicly-funded groups, goes through a process of justifying its expenditures. Naturally, there are always a Naturally, there are always a few blips that have to be ironed out: projects that cost more or less than projected. Someone at Shanti, when faced with last year's unprecedented imbalance of millions of dol-lars, was tempted to just try and hide it rather than come clean. A disgruntled ex-employ-ee blew the whistle, the inex-pertly cooked books quickly came to light, and the shit hit the fan.

Some take Rofes's easy resignation as a sign of innocence rather than of guilt. "If there was anything serious on Eric

he couldn't afford to resign because he'd never get another job," one activist told me. "Since no one blames him for anything he can 'take the hit' for Shanti and move on to an-

for Shanti and move on to another position, instead of laboring under a cloud at a troubled organization."

Many community AIDS fund-raising groups, such as DIFFA (Design Industry Foundation For AIDS), have decided to continue funding Shanti desired the continue funding Shanti desired. to continue funding Shanti despite the still unfolding scandal. As with A.I.D.S. and CURAS they ask "who will provide those services if Shanti cannot?"

#### The "AIDSocracy"

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These suspicions remain largely unspoken in light of the commonly held view that these organizations are more sinned against than sinning. "Is the wastage at Shanti anywhere near as bad as that found in the U.S. military, with its thousand-dollar toilet seats and seven hundred dollar screw-drivers?" one activist asked me rhetorically. "How does it compare to graft in the SFPD, where our cops drained the entire state's workman's compensation funds with phony tire state's workman's compen-sation funds with phony claims? Or the MUNI managers who drive to work in City-fund-ed cars while the buses fall apart? So how come Shanti's honest errors loom so large in the public eye in contrast to the

the public eye in contrast to the deliberate and massive scamming by City agencies?"

Another activist laid the blame square on the doorstep of the City AIDS office. "They don't like to deal with all these little, specified groups, so instead they give massive block grants to a few giant agencies with the understanding that it will be sub-contracted out appropriately. This creates a huge "AIDSocracy" of permanent bureaucrats who do little but hog grants and skim off generous "overhead" for their administrative budgets while scattering

overhead for their administra-tive budgets while scattering crumbs to the grassroots orga-nizations."
"The crunch in AIDS fund-ing is coming down the pike and the little people are the ones who are going to get it in the neck," commented another the neck," commented another community organizer. "The bureaucrats screwed over the community groups, but they'll avoid taking any losses themselves by passing on the cuts. The net effect is that we'll get punished for being milked by greedy managers and ignored by City officials."

Others are less pessimistic.

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Others are less pessimistic, hoping for a cornucopia of new funding from the Clinton administration. And very few people have any suggestions on how to sweat down the bloated AIDSocracy without hurting the PWAs they're supposed to serge \(\begin{array}{c} \text{TV} \end{array} \)

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### California News

### Scholarship Established at UCS

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and lesbians.

The Holoch Scholarship
Fund is named in memory of
Alan Holoch, a USC Law
Center grad and former faculty member, who died of cancer in 1991. The fund was created by a gift from Richard
Fairbanks, Jr., of Wilmington,
Delaware, a friend of Holoch.
Recipients will be required
to show financial need The
first scholarships will be
awarded next fall by the Law
Center to cover the cost of tutition, currently \$18,000 per
year.

year.
"The Holoch Scholarship Fund honors a distinguished graduate and former colleague who made significant contributions to our school and our profession. It will provide important financial aid to deserving law students, whom Professor Holoch would have been particularly interested in supporting," said Scott Bice Dean of the Law

Holoch earned a master of library science degree at USC in 1971 and became the library's associate director in 1978. He received a J.D., a law degree, in 1978, and was appointed adjunct professor of law and taught legal bibliography and research as well as fulfilling his administrative duties at the library.

In 1987, Holoch, was appointed director of the Ohio State University Law Library, where he served until his death.

Founded in 1896, the USC Holoch earned a master of

Founded in 1896, the USC Law Center is the oldest law school in the American Southwest.



Let's talk congratulations

The Eagle celebrated its 12th anniversary as the preferred meeting place for San Francisco's leather folks. B.A.R. extends best wishes. (Photo: Rick Gerharter

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anonymous sources. What is the hypocrisy there? Nine times out of ten, the source is a private citizen, and this kind of outing is about public figof outing is about public fig-ures. They're not being sourced anonymously because they're closeted. You're not re-vealing the source because it might be someone who works with Pete Williams. They have a million other reasons not to use their names.

What the mainstream press doesn't seem to get is that just saying some-one is gay is not a lie, and is not an invasion, it is just saying what they are.

I think that point has been hammered away, but the straight liberal press don't wanna deal with it. They make believe they haven't heard it. Every time I have confronted journalists on the telephone, they don't say anything, they sort of agree or they get off the phone. It's really weird. You finally present them with an argument they can't argue with, and they ignore it! They just don't wanna get it. They believe if you say someone is gay, that is private. If you say someone is straight, If you say someone is straight, it isn't. They can't explain why that seems logical to them.

When you were doing the Gossip Watch column, one of the things that you were most attacked were most attacked about, and we were attacked about at OutWeek, was our quickness to take on so-called "friends;" whether they were closeted or not. How did you get through that and what inspired that, taking on people like Barry Diller, David Geffen or even Liz Smith?

At the time, it just seemed logical. I had just lived in this whole world of gossip and media and entertainment, fashion, theatre. I was in that world as a gossip columnist, as a writer and publicist. Then suddenly I was out of it. I was an activist,

on the other side. I saw that I really wasn't doing anything by promoting that, and it just seemed logical that they really weren't doing anything. They would go to a benefit or they would write about a benefit once in a while, but in terms of loud voices, they really weren't doing anything. It seemed to me that on some level they were more disingenlevel they were more disingen-uous than our real enemies who are adamant about what who are adainant about what they are. Some of these people were putting on a disguise. At least our enemies say what they are. Pat Buckley was try-ing to show that she could do something about AIDS...

...While her husband, William F. Buckley, called for quarantine and tattoo-ing of PWAs.

My logic was, if you're gonna be our friend, then really be our friend. But what you're doing here is not only not that good, it might even be hurting us. That was just my feeling then.

Looking back on it now, I see that it was strategically the smartest thing to do, because if you look at the larger picture, the last five years really have been about getting our friends in order. Liz Smith, The New York Times, the Democratic Party, whatever, for the big war that's coming. On some level, we really couldn't take on our enemies until we had our friends really focused and really, really fight-

recused and really really right-ing for us.

Previously, our enemies didn't take us seriously. We were getting fucked over. The religious right didn't see us as a threat. We couldn't have the war that we're having with them, this big battle right now, because they didn't see us as a threat. It wasn't until the Democratic Party, Bill Clinton, all these institutions of liberal-ism finally, seriously took to the gay cause, that the other side really saw us as a threat. They're now gonna give us the fight that we've been wanting for twenty years.

Jim Provenzano is a former staff member of OutWeek.

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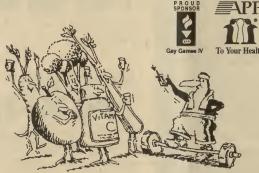
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ings have been prevented and many bashers have been frightened away when the in-tended victim blew their whis-

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lated with a stranger.
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too out or too proud. The road to empowerment is different for everyone. It can be spiritual, emotional, material, professional, sexual, or any other path you can imagine. What all of these roads to empowerment have in common is, they are different ways to learn to love ourselves for who and

what we are, shedding our in-

what we are, shedding our internalized homophobia.

F. FIGHT or FLEE —
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now. If you are ever in a bad
situation, do what you know
you'd do and don't hesitate. If
you choose to fight, take selfdefense classes. If you choose
to flee, always be aware, when
you're out, of the best direction to run — towards people,
businesses, light, and activity.

G- Stay GROUNDED. Be
steady, strong, alert and

steady, strong, alert and aware. Don't wear headphones when walking at night. Walk with your head up and your eyes and ears tuned. Feel your feet on the ground and the breath in your chest and know that you have the right to be who you are, where you are at

who you are, where you are at that moment.

H. HONOR your lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender brothers and sisters and all of the diversity we each bring with us. Challenge racism and sexism and all other prejudice that can divide us. "United, the people, will never be defeated."

I. Trust your INSTINCTS.

the people, will never be defeated."

I- Trust your INSTINCTS. If something feels wrong, it is. If a situation feels threatening, it is. If your instincts say danger, get to safety, blow your whistle or do whatever it takes to get to a safe place.

J. Never be afraid to demand JUSTICE. If you're bashed, file a police report. Make sure the police take the report, investigate and prosecute the crime. Call CUAV—we help people work with the criminal justice system. We also need to count and counter hate crimes and need every-

also need to could and counter hate crimes and need everyone who is bashed or harassed to call us at 333-HELP.
These are just a few tips, suggestions and reminders to help people to avoid being bashed.

For more ABCs of safety, call CUAV at 777-5500. We have lots of information to share. We also always need volunteers to help us end hate violence and wipe out homo-phobia.

CUAV is a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender non-profit agency dedicated to educating people and preventing violence against lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The agency is also dedicated to providing empowering services to those of our communities who are bashed or battered. For more information call: (415) 777-5500. If you are bashed or the victim of domestic violence, call (415) 333-HELP.



MCC center opens

It was a full house at the grand opening of MCC's new Community Center on 18th Street. The center has meeting space for overflows from the main church facility.

### **National News**

### Schindler

Queer Nation's Michael Petrelis, who has worked zealously to bring attention to the case, argued that Helvey's plea of guilty to a lesser murder charge is simply a trial balloon sent up by the Navy. "They want to see the reaction from the gay community and mainstream media," Petrelis said. "I'm outraged at even the hint of a deal being cut. We need to insist upon a court-martial because it has to come out that the Naval come out that the Naval Criminal Investigative Service was actively engaged in a cov-

was actively engage er up."
What may come next in the case is anybody's guess.
If Holcombe accepts Helvey's plea, the next step could be sentencing and witnesses could be called, according to Navy spokesperson. ing to Navy spokesperson Lieutenant Commander Betsy

"Sir, I remember hitting him in the face and stomping on his neck and kicking him in the groin." —Seaman Terry Helvey

"It's very hard to determine what is going to happen," Bird told the Bay Area Reporter. "At this point, the safest thing to do is wait until the judge makes his ruling." Helvey also pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of assault on two Navy shore patrolmen and to giving two false official statements to the Navy Criminal Investigative false official statements to the Navy Criminal Investigative Service. The false statements regarded Helvey's previous claim that Schindler had ap-proached him for sex before the murder. Helvey pleaded innocent to the charge of obstructing justice.

### 'More than a black eye'

In a United Press Interna-tional story about the May 3 hearing, correspondent Mike Koller reported the following

Koller reported the following exchange:
Asked if he caused Schindler's death, Helvey responded, "Yes, sir." Queried on how he killed Schindler, an expressionless Helvey said, "Hit and kicked him to death."

"Do you remember stomping up and down on

"Do you remember stomping up and down on [Schindler's] chest?" Holcombe asked.

Helvey said that he did not, adding, "Sir, I was intoxicated at the time."

He told Holcombe he had consumed "a half a fifth of hard liquor and a six-pack of beer."

Asked what he did remember, Helvey said, "Sir, I remember hitting him in the face and stomping on his neck and kicking him in the

groin."
Holcombe then defined intent to commit great bodily harm as, "more than a black eye," and "consisting of deep cuts, torn members of the body, fractures and internal

He then asked, "Did your blows cause Schindler's death?"

"I believe so, sir," Helvey

"I believe so, sir," Helvey answered.
"What was your intent?" Holcombe asked.
"To cause great bodily harm, sir," Helvey responded. Bird told the B.A.R. she believed there is paperwork verifying that Helvey was legally drunk at the time of the murder, although she could not provide verification of this at press time.
The court-martial is set to begin June 1 after a jury is se-

The court-martial is set to begin June 1 after a jury is selected. Helvey exercised his option to be tried by a jury instead of the judge, and said he wanted the panel to be comprised of officers only and not enlisted personnel.

### Cover up charged

Petrelis' charge that the Navy tried to cover up the murder is corroborated by

sailors who served with Schindler and Helvey on the USS Belleau Wood, and by Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys. Hajdys has filed a civil lawsuit against the Navy, claiming her constitutional rights were violated when the Navy stalled on providing her information regarding her information regarding her

son's murder.
Few facts about the crime Few facts about the crime were made public until Pacific Stars and Stripes, the military newspaper, wrote an article on the case after receiving a letter from friends of Schindler who believed the Navy was conducting a cover

By the time media atten-By the time media atten-tion focused on the murder, the Navy had quietly court-martialed Airman Charles Vins, another sailor implicat-ed in the murder. Vins served

ed in the murder. Vins served less than four months' jail time in exchange for giving evidence against Helvey.

Another Belleau Wood sailor, Keith Sims, told the B.A.R. in February that he saw Helvey and Vins among a group of five people pushing and shoving Schindler minutes before Schindler was beaten to death.



Slain sailor Allen Schindler's former lover Jim Jennings (left) Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys, march on

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 950399

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April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993, L-950399

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 172975

The following person is doing business as KALIYUGA ARTS, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA, 94110: JOHN STEVEN SOWLE, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA, 94110: JOHN STEVEN SOWLE, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA, 94110, STEVEN LEE PATTERSON, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA, 94110, STEVEN LEE PATTERSON, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA, 9410, San Francisco, CA, 9410 HN SOWLE.

s statement was filed with the County

rk of the City and County of San FrancisCA on April 1, 1993.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-172975

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 172976

The following person is doing business as KALIYUGA TECHNOLOGY, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA 94110: JOHN STEVEN SOWLE, 141 Albion St., Sen Francisco, CA 94110.

94110.

Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date January 1, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed JOHN SOWLE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 1, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173554

The following person is doing business as SANBO INTERNATIONAL TRADINGS, 2514 35th Ave. Suits IDI, San Francisco, CA 34116.

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Celtro Canada Suits 101, San Francisco, CA on April 16, 1993.

April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 1993. L-173554

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173449

following person is doing business as Y'S TOW SERVICE, 1510 Eddy St 2G, San Francisco, CA 94115: TONY L. WN, 1510 Eddy St. #PH2G, San Fran-, CA 94115.

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April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1993. L-173449

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173028

CA 9410. Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date April 1, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed WILLIAM HARRISON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Fran-cisco, CA on April 2, 1993.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-173028

FICTITIOUS 8USINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173232

The following person is doing business as TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN, 1310 Turk St., San Francisco, CA 94115: RAFAEL CABRERA, 1310 Turk St. #606, San Francis-co, CA 94115.

co, CA 94115.

Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date April 8, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed RAFAEL CABRERA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 8, 1993.

ril 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-173232

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173075

The following person is doing business as INTERZONE CAFE, 1695 Market St.#1, 58 Francisco, CA, 94103: DAVID DOBRAS, 1116 Shelter Creek Lams, San Bruno, CA, 94086; EWIS WALDEN, 300 Buchanen St. #204, 64 ELBUS, 42 2B 14th St., San Francisco, CA, 94103.

94103.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 5, 1993.

ril 22, 29, May 6, 13, 1993. L-173078

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173179 The following person is doing business as OUTLOUD TELEVISION, 3677 22nd St., San Francisco, CA 94114: MAUREEN LYNNE BAREND, 3677 22nd St., San Francisco, CA Registross

94114.
Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business ame on the date April 17, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed MARUEEN L. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 7, 1993.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993, L-173179

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 172733

The following person is doing business as IFHRE TWO-ONES, 3400 Sacramento St. 37, San Francisco, CA 94118; CIMDY B. Francisco, CA 94118; CIMDY B. Francisco, Caracteristo St. 43, San Francisco, Commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date March 25, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed CINDY B. STEARNS.

STEARNS.
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco. CA on March 26, 1993.

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1993. L-172733

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173926

The following person is doing business as BIG BONED GALS, 567 4th Lane, So. San Francisco, C. 494080: CELIA CANJURA, 567 4th Lane, So. San Francisco, CA 94080: CELIA CANJURA, 567 4th Lane, So. San Francisco, CA 94080. Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date April 27, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed CELIA CANJURA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 27, 1993.

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1993. L-173926

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173170

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-173170

The following person is doing business as IMAGINE PLANTS, 25 Romain St., San Francisco, CA, 94114. 'AGUSTIN GARCIA', 25 Romain St., San Francisco, CA, 94114. Registrant commenced business under the above fictious business name on the date April 15, 1993. 'This business is conducted by an individual. Signed AGUSTIN GARCIA. The Control of CA on April 15, 1993.

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1993. L-173498

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173947

The following person is doing business as COUNCIL OF GRAND DUKES & GRAND DUKES BOUCHESSES OF SAN FRANCISCO, 110 Garden Side Drive #101. San Francisco, CA 94131: COUNCIL OF GRAND FRANCISCO, 110 Garden Side Drive #101, San Francisco, CA 110 Garden Side Drive #101, San Francisco,

A 94131.
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by an corporation. Signed ALEXANDER F. BUIEL II.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 27, 1993.

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1993. L-173947

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 951277

NAME FRE NO. 961277

IN SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE NEERG) for change of name. The application of (KATHI SUE ROTHENBERG) for change of name, in the county of the change of

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# **Spin Doctors**

here's an aura of cool about disc jockeys. When you go to a club, you usually don't see them, and while don't see them, and while you're dancing to their music, it's not really the deejay you're listening to but a set of recordings. But as the night wears on, you notice gradual changes in the ambience, shifts in the musical atmosphere that have little to do with what song is playing at with what song is playing at the moment and everything to do with an invisible, headphoned wizard who stands in a booth in a remote corner, radiating cool, orchestrating everything. An architect of

or symme. An architect of mood.

Sitting at his dining room table on a quiet Sunday afternoon stirring a reheated cup of coffee, disc jockey Jerry Bonham is uncharacteristicalbonnam is uncharacteristically accessible, communicating with words rather than turntables. "A disc jockey is aware that he has to control the atmosphere of a club," says Bonham. "There's says Bonham. "There's tremendous pressure on us to make the club happen, and it's weird being behind those turntables, responsible for all the sound in the room. When I first started, I was definitely nervous."

### **Saloon Spinning**

Bonham first started spinning records at The Saloon in Minneapolis in the mid-70s. From there, he moved to New York City and played Fire Island during the height of the disco era. After a stint at the Ice Palace, he returned briefly to Minneapolis and

The Saloon before heading west for San Francisco, where he has since performed at Dreamland, Colossus, and Pleasuredome. "When I at Dreamland, Colossus, and Pleasuredome. "When I played at Dreamland, I remember it was huge," he recalls. "That was where I really learned to control the volume. It was there that I learned loud doesn't mean better — it just means loud."
Nikki Rivera gets nervous, too. Now one of San Francisco's leading young deejays, Rivera has skillfully walked a fine line between pleasing her employers — the club owners — and taking risks by playing

"If it's not happening, the first thing they point to is the deejay.'

music that's close to her heart. "There's so much pressure and stress being up there for three hours in front of people," Rivera says. "It doesn't matter how many times I've done it. Although once you've started playing, it kind of goes away."

As a beginner deejay at B Street in San Mateo back in 1987, Rivera made her mark by being different. "They didn't like me at first because I played stuff that was too radical. I was playing New

Order, stuff like that. I'd throw in one or two songs, a different kind of sound, and soon enough, I got fired. It was the same thing when I went to the G-Spot and the owner told me, 'You know MTV? Watch MTV and look at the Top 20 countdown.'

For most deejays, deciding what to play is only part of the challenge of playing in a club. Like a music director

the challenge of playing in a club. Like a music director with a choir, an orchestra, and a score, club deejays consider their crowd, the style they want to convey, and the atmosphere they want to create in a room. Like conductors or editors, their art is expressed not through creation from scratch, but through arrangement, rearrangement, and organization.

#### A Deejay's Art

A Deejay's Art

"The art is in programming," suggests Pete Avila, a seasoned disc jockey who currently hosts a "house music" show on KMEL. "Programming includes what record you're playing and where you're fitting it into the set. You start two records playing together and then play editor, taking a little piece from this record and a little piece from that record, going back and forth. You're always thinking about what's going to come next."

Avila has followed the changing role of the DJ since the advent of house music. Shortly after Donna Rigo introduced the genre to a Monday night crowd at The Stud in the mid-80s, house caught on in all the San Francisco gay

clubs.

Since then, the role of the disc jockey has evolved along with technologies such as the digitalized "beat-box" (a preprogrammed back-beat used for transitions between songs) to the point where the deejay has become an active partici-



Pumpin' - deejay Pete Avila

pant, suturing various sound textures and different recordings onto a single musical plane throughout an evening. A relatively new palette has emerged with the fusion of music and technology, and the disc jockey is its artist. Avila predicts that one day technology will allow deejays to produce music live at a club. "The limitation right now is that we have two turntables, and it's all on records. Eventually it will all be digital — run by computer. be digital - run by computer.

There's so much growth that can happen here, and it's such a powerful medium, it really is. By the turn of the century, things are going to be happening a lot differently."

### **Unique Approach**

Most deejays possess at least a basic set of skills that enable them to fuse music together, although each deejay's technical approach is unique. Jerry Bonham's record collection — which spans an entire



James Tyrone Wallace backs up Robin Karfo (left) and Baomi

Ellen Gavin's 'The Roof's on Fire!'

### Between Two Worlds

by Noreen C. Barnes

rava! artistic director and playwright Ellen Gavin's The Roof's on Fire! — which and playwright Ellen Gavin's The Roof's on Fire! — which won first place in the Bay Guardian's Playwrighting Contest in 1991 — has its world premiere May 8 at the Mission Cultural Center Theatre. In this work Gavin reveals the clash of cultures, genders, and generations that was part of her own experience as one of the first women firefighters in the country. The action takes place in two side-by-side settings in the Logan Heights neighborhood of San Diego in 1981; Fire Station Five and the restaurant run by African-American women next door. The link between these worlds is Gaen Connolly, a woman firefighter who befriends the women while at the same time meeting resis-

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tance from the men she works with. The uneasy tension is further inflamed by romance, rivalry, and a long-suppressed secret about a fire that occurred 30 years before. The characters have their working-class status as a point of intersection, but differ in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality. Highlighting these differences are the racism, misogyny, and homophobia of the white firemen. In an interview with the BA.R., Gavin, who's currently writing Bread and Roses, a screenplay about the 1912 general strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts, talked about the process of reworking the script for production, of "cutting the narrative chatter and adding more action, more sexuality, and making the work more dynamic, particularly in terms of finding out what needs to be said regarding racial relationships." As a

playwright, Gavin had to "learn to let go of a lot of stuff" she had written in order to make it work for per-

stuff" she had written in order to make it work for performance.

She calls the collaboration with the The Roof's on Fire! company a very good one, in particular citing her working relationship with director Ellen Sebastian (Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings) as a "joy," Gavin admires Sebastian's "tremendous energy and discipline" and describes her directing as "very visual, very physical."

For Gavin, "the physical energy in the play reflects the sexual and racial tensions. It's exciting to be able to do something on stage that's so physical." She points to the fire drills and firefighting, the giving birth and pumping iron scenes as examples of the demanding movement in (Continued on page 51)

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### The Annals of Queerdom

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

Clear your calendar or set your VCR. Television gets really interesting next week. On NBC, Wednesday night May 12, at 9 p.m., the series Law and Order debuts a new episode entitled "Manhood." Prepare yourself for a chilling demonstration of American homophobia as reflected by the military/police establishment. This particular episode concerns the bigotry of officers and police department administrators toward gay cops. We don't want to give away the startling conclusion, but the storyline involves a gay cop who is killed in the line of duty. It's one of the most powerful, frightening, and brutally honest portrayals we have ever seen of homophobia in America. The series stars Jerry Orbach and Christopher Noth (the

good guys) and it's filmed on location in Manhattan. Although this particular one-hour episode could have been a two-hour movie, the teleplay covers the bases with terse, gritty dialogue that never strays from credibility. Don't miss it. If you want to express your appreciation to the network, you can write to NBC Entertainment, Warren Littlefield, President, 3000 W. Alameda Avenue, Burbank, CA 91523. Telephone calls to the network should be directed to (818) 840-4444.

Birds of a Feather (boa, that is): The Globe reports that Jaye Davidson, a drag queen famous for being nominated for an Academy Award, was given a tour of



Christopher Noth (above) costars with Jerry Orbach (right) in the ''Manhood'' episode — a shocker on NBC's Law & Order

gay L.A. by Alexis Arquette, a drag queen famous for being Luke Perry's roommate. They did the rounds of "Tinseltown's most

popular gay bars — Peanuts Rage and Temple." FYI Peanuts is a drag/transsexual

bar, Rage is L.A.'s version of the Stud, and Temple is like the old Colossus. We're dying to know if the twosome made

it to popular Club Fuck, and the Globe just couldn't bring itself to print that awful

friends tell the *Globe* that Rainey ... er, Richard still has a "secret gay lover."

The Girl Can't Help It: the Village Voice's Michael Musto tells us that Liz Smith won a GLAAD media award for making "great strides" in her coverage of gay/lesbian issues. Then the gossipeuse had the nerve to give an acceptance speech against separatism that addressed what "you" gay people had to do to be accepted in straight society. As Musto put it, "Imagine if Michael Jackson got up at an NAACP gala and addressed 'you black people! If anyone could shake things up by coming out and filinging open the doors of her private world, it's Liz Smith!" Despite Liz's having been revealed as the J. Edgar Hoover of gossip mongers, her award was not revoked.

Musto also reports that New York dragster Princess Diandra was all set to appear on the Jane Pratt Show and lip-synch Whitney Houston's "I'm Every Woman." But then Arista, the Very Happily Married Heterosexual Superstar's record label, refused to give the show permission to use the song because a drag queen was going to perform it. As Diandra said discreetly during her appearance on the show, "I guess they don't want Whitney associated with anything homosexual."

Moonstruck! Lesbian stinkbomb, Claire of the Moon, has a new detractor: comedian Kate Clinton. Clinton suggests her own alternative title for the film — Clear the Room. No doubt, she'll be less than pleased to learn that the execrable screenplay has now been turned into a book, coming soon to local bookstores.

And we thought we'd seen it all! The Men of Preferred Stock recently made their debut in New York and a national tour is pending. This all-singing, all-dancing, all-stripping beefcake review was described by their New York publicist as "like the Chippendales, only classier."

This assessment is somewhat contradicted by the advance press materials that reference each performer's penis size, measured to within a quarter of an inch. Classier, indeed.



Cherroseanne?

Roseanne Arnold gives a seemingly endless interview in the May issue of Christopher Street and manages to come off smart, funny, and very PC. What's new with Roseanne? "My new act is going to be totally, totally gay. All the fucking way....! have several names for it. One is 'Vegas on Broadway'. And I'll have dancing boys and the whole Ann-Margaret thing with some of my dramatic movie parts interspersed with my singing and dancing with all the boys. I think I'm going to film myself doing those things and have them projected like Ann-Margaret does.... But this one will be like Cher. I'm going to come out in a headdress and sing 'Half-Breed'. And the whole show is going to be like the worst songs ever written. A lot of Allen and Marilyn Bergman. A lot of that, because they're about the worst ever." Roseanne seems to confuse "gay" with "camp." But then, we must admit that we occasionally suffer from the same problem. \top







Luke Perry (left) with his best boyfriend, Alexis Arquette

So you didn't win the lottery. Well, here's you chance to strike it rich. Since the Star has announced that \$90 million mogul Madonna has begun a search for a baby to adopt, and since the Mword has stated that she wants a baby boy who'll grow up to be gay, we've decided to save her the trouble of raising some ungrateful brat who'll just grow up to be a 13-year-old alcoholic and write a tell-all book. On the back of a postcard, in 25 words or less, write "Why Madonna Should Adopt Me as Her Gay Child," and forward it to OutThere. We'll send the best responses on to the Holy Mother c/o Warner Bros. Madonna will get a problem-free gay child, and you'll inherit \$90 million and a great collection of Frida Kahlo paintings.

The Globe reports Richard Pryor's "drag queen son" Richard Pryor Jr. has married a woman to convince his dying father that he's gone straight. Richard Jr., who formerly performed in drag as Rainey McNight, now says "I am born again and Jesus delivered me from homosexuality." But his

### Correction

The author of last week's review of Jeanette Winterston's novel, Written on the Body, was Orland Outland. Mr. Outland's byline was inadvertently omitted from the published text. We apologize for the oversight.

### The March on Broadway

by John F. Karr

he touring produc-tion of Falsettos, on view at the Curran Theatre, is entirely disarming. Criticisms, minor at any rate, crumble in the face of its brilliance — the acuity of its text, the effusiveness of its music, and the virtuosi-ty of its director and perform-ers. This breakthrough show, ers. This breakthrough show, which won a well-deserved Tony for its score, is a theatrical event of great and enjoyable importance.

Falsettos is actually two musicals, written some ten years apart. Yet when the 1981 one-act March of the Falsettos was isolad in a some ten years apart.

years apart. Fet when the 1981 one-act March of the Falsettos was joined in a double bill by the 1990 Falsettoland, they became an indivisible unit, the fragment-ed forays of the first brought into context and fulfilled by the latter. March of the Falsettos' tentative foray into the possibilities available to us in the wake of the '70s was brought up short by AIDS. Suddenly, our humanity became the issue. The depiction of gay men and lesbians, realizing amidst their grief and pain that love transcends sexuality, makes Falsettos so affecting. fecting.

#### **Short Story**

Short Story

The story of Falsettos is almost too simple. In the first act, the rather immature Marvin, thinking he can have it all, leaves his wife and 11-year-old son to live with his male lover. Neither his feelings nor those of his loved ones are as easily accommodated as Marvin expected. Two, years elapse before Act Two, which takes place in 1981. Against the backdrop of his son's Bar Mitzvah, Marvin ultimately attains maturity, but at the cost of losing his lover, Whizzer, to AIDS.

There are numerous exhilarating aspects to this finely wrought evening. It's so New York, for one — with a group of urban Jews raging fortissimo — and it sings New York Jewish as well. Intersecting stories unfold tumultuously as prancing fragments of

prancing fragments Written and composed by William Finn, Falsettos is song throughout. It's actually

melodies tumble and collide.

song throughout. It's actually an opera (an ethnic Les Mis) rendered in a form pioneered by another urban Jewish homosexual, Marc Blitzstein, who conceived The Cradle Will Rock as an opera told in popular song back in 1937. Blitzstein's techniques and urban rhythms are heard in the work of his proteer Leonard work of his protege, Leonard Bernstein, and other New York gay Jewish composers like Sondheim.

Finn treats a profusion of issues in the meldings of multiple melodies he identifies as "songs." The ways in which men live together, for in-

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stance, are the core of two songs. In "The Chess Game," songs. In "The Chess Game," an innocent game becomes a battleground of issues as a breakup brews, and in "This Had Better Come to a Stop," Marvin's lover resists being cast as the traditionally subservient wife. Later, in "Trina's Song," Marvin's wife offers a devastating critique of fers a devastating critique of the patriarchy. Then there are those beautiful ballads in the second act, "What More Can I Say" and "What Would I

#### Time Change

Obviously, the time that elapsed between the creation of the two acts wasn't idle. In the second act, the shards of melodies heard in *March* gain the assurance to stand

still and sing forth with longer-lined simplicity; the ensembles grow more sophisticated. The libretto is more to the point in the second half, and James Lapine's fertile, fluid staging less reliant on

Yet Falsettos can be irksome. The characters can be so yuppy, and the lesbians next door seem tagged on. At first they're an interruption to the love song "Unlikely Lovers," although it's ultimately moving to see both gay men and women declare their love. Otherwise, there's a distancing effect caused by the show's near disavowal of its very gay nature. It's the gay musical for straight people, in which tasteful blocking shields audiences from the gay reality of same-sex couples, just as the busy music can defuse the lyric's emotional content.

What if Falsettos were

al content.

What if Falsettos were lavender instead of tasteful beige? What if the men kissed in the first act because they love each other, instead of only in the second act and then because one of them is dying? What if their final duet found them in a clinch instead of leaving them 20 feet apart, their arms locked at their sides like the rock-pilers in Bent.

#### Homo Milk

At least in Lapine's stag-ing, Falsettos is a homoge-nized gay show, forthright in



Gregg Edelman (left) and Peter Reardon in the amazing Falsettos at the Curran (Photo: Ken Howard)

its words but lacking in visual conviction. But its heart is almost unbearably evident in the music and lyrics, and that's what moves people—gay and otherwise—and makes the show palatable to straight audiences. This is the show Finn and Lapine created, the show that could generate the mass appeal necessary for Broadway and a subsefor Broadway and a subs

for Broadway and a subsequent tour.

The present cast is remarkable. Gregg Edelman's Marvin may be the best sung yet, even if he doesn't run very

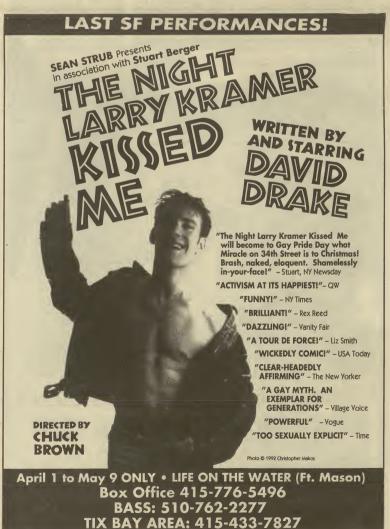
deep. Peter Reardon is a handsome, glorious-voiced standout as his lover. Carolee Carmello is moving as Marvin's wife, and hilarious in her comic show-stopper, "I'm Breaking Down." And young Jonathan Kaplan is a mazing as Marvin's precocious son. Music director Ben Whiteley makes the score snap, and the makes the score snap, and the resulting Falsettos is richly rewarding—both historic and marvelously entertaining.

Falsettos Curran Theatre, through May 23 (415) 776-1999



### The Prize Pulitizer

No, it's not Roxanne. Tony Kushner, recent Pulitzer winner for his devastating play *Angels in America* comes to town for one night only. On Thursday May 13, at 7:30 p.m., Kushner will be reading from his own work at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin Street. Admission is \$5 and you can be sure this evening will be SRO. For information, contact the event sponsor, The Poetry Center, at (415) 338-2227.



### **Crippling Isolation**

by Jerry Metzker

In the Wedge AIDS
Health Education Program (through the San
Francisco Department of
Public Health), speakers with
HIV go into secondary
schools to share their experiences with high school students. Theatre Forte's Living
Letters makes a valiant if
only marginally successful attempt to dramatize and musicalize the experiences of both calize the experiences of both the speakers and the students.

the speakers and the students. An energetic and devoted cast of seven (four men, three women) performers, each playing a student and a speaker, deliver monologue after monologue, sometimes as songs (written by Robert Kirsch). Unfortunately, this production is all monologues. Each actor, all suffering from noticeable discomfort, stands alone, isolated from the others in the cast and even from

alone, isolated from the others in the cast and even from the audience, speaking to some imaginary listener(s) out there in the ether.

In a piece concerned primarily with reaching out and making connections, the isolation caused by the staging (supervised by creatylwriter. pervised by creator/writer

Karen Sullivan Scott) and monologues defeats the play's purpose. Even the songs are generally solos, and it is not until halfway through this 75-minute piece that a rousing gospel number led by Carole Lind unite the ensemble into gosper number led by Carole Lind unites the ensemble into an ensemble. For the most part, the actors are directed to freeze when not speaking and not even to listen to one an-

#### Marvelous Marrs

Lest you think this show is all bad, some individual performances stand out and others indicate talent above and beyond this production. Jamie Marrs tops the list. As Deanna, a teenage poet concerned more with the world than the "in" girls who spend too much time fussing over their appearance, she slouches in angry despondency and rises appearance, she slouches in angry despondency and rises with equal vigor in her show of compassion for her class speaker. She also plays Rachel, a good Catholic girl who took one unfortunate risk, equally well. Where there is no world, Marrs creates one and, for a few moments, overcomes the isolation that so overwhelms this



The cast of Living Letters at the MCC

(Photo: Nikki Pratchios)

production.

Ellen Eastwood's young virgin, Janie; Caroline Lind's questioning April; Anthony Yepis' solid Gerald (a former Yepis' solid Gerald (a former drag queen) and angry Jose; and David Messmer as a man who comes out to his class and an equally troubled young man at odds with his father provide other memorable moments. I suspect that my own wariness at attending this production — billed as being inspired by letters from the stu-dents to the speakers — was also shared by the cast and creator/writer (Scott). For all the play's dependence on the letters — and even though the speakers consider the letters to be "remarkable gifts" — the letters themselves are conspicuously absent. However, the brief snatches read in voice-over have more power than any attempt to render them any attempt to render them dramatically. Unfortunately, the letters are almost periph-eral to the production, thus the potential power of the ac-tual stories is only hinted at.

Living Letters
Theatre Forte, through May 22
882-1199

### Still Life

he late C. D. Arnold's The Client is the kind of play you could watch while cooking, dusting, sewing, building a bookcase, eating popcorn, or (if it wasn't dis-tracting to the actors), having a conversation and not feel like you were missing any-thing. Its style is reminiscent of a typical television movie.

After being diagnosed with AIDS, great if not famous ac-tor Francis (played with ease by Michael Duden) has locked himself up in his apartment

covered the windows and thrown away all his clocks. His young caregiver Tim, ea-ger to help Francis, encour-ages the actor to give one last performance; and filled with new vigor (because of the pro-ject and the feelings he has for Tim), Francis agrees. Enter Francis' closest friends — Dolores and Lily, a

lesbian couple — and immediately Tim and Dolores begin fighting over Francis. Jealousy, fear, denial, and love all play their part in the drama and come to a head on the day of Francis' performance.

### Scratching the Surface

The Client is not startling or even very moving, it is memorable only because it is similar to life without expressing life. The actors perform intelligently and honestly, devoting themselves to the many emotions and situations they get to play but these are many emotions and situations they get to play, but these are the kind of roles (like in Terry Garner's Livin' on Salvation Street at Theatre Rhino or Mary Miller's I Witness at Oakland Ensemble Theatre) fool actors into thinking they are playing someone with life. From the outside, however, these characters are not real three-dimensional people, but only the impressions of a writer who creates situations and forces characters into and forces characters into

Maryann Sanders' brash maryann Sanders brash performance of Dolores, Janet Keller's sensitivity to skittish Lily and even David C. Perez's awkward portrayal of the youthful Tim reflect the kind of emotional and intellectual dedication to a writer's

lectual dedication to a writer's perception that actors in good roles employ. Even so, the performances do not ring true because of the writing.

When Andrew Harkins (as Tim's lover Zack) appears in the middle of Francis' performance, he causes the kind of disruption this play should be based on. Harkins is so real and so emotionally stark that he seems out of place in the confines of the production (directed very tightly by John Sowle). Even Arnold must have sensed this in the writing of the role, for he allows Zack to interrupt Francis' long, unwieldy monologue just as thoroughly as Harkins disrupts the production with his hurst of life. disrupts the production with his burst of life. Still, this unambitious play

and production can be a re-laxing time in the theater, and every now and then we all need that sort of experi-ence.

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Michael Duden as Francis comforts Tim (David C. Perez, on left) in C.D. Arnold's *The Client*.

# Lesbian Thanksgiving

by Deborah Peifer

ome of the best times I've ever had at a party came late in the evening, when a group of us ended up sitting around the kitchen table, talking about sex and politics and art and life, willing, because of our love for each other, or respect, or the relaxation of inhibitions that comes with nightfall, to share deepest thoughts, to admit uncertainties, to put it all on the table. Imagine then a party at which the guests are women of all sizes, shapes, colors, and ages, women who are articulate and witty, profound and ome of the best times

ages, women win are articulate and witty, profound and silly, and who share one common attribute — their identity as lesbians — and you have the lovely documentary, Thank God I'm a Lesbian.

Variety Act

Co-directors Laurie Col-

bert and Dominique Cardona bert and Dominique Cardona combine footage shot at the Toronto Gay Pride Parade and interviews with a variety of lesbian luminaries (Sarah Schulman, Dionne Brand, Nicole Broussard, and others). Refreshingly, the filmmakers avoid party line dema-goguery, allowing their sub-jects the freedom to explore

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various topics as they choose. For example, one lesbian provides a one-word assessment of S/M ("Yuck!") while another supports it enthusiastically.

The women in this film talk about fidelity and outing and AIDS and coming out and about the unadulterated pleasure that comes from just saying the "L" word. They share confusion and certainty with us and in set directly with the said in said in set directly with the said in sai share confusion and certainty with us, and in so doing add much to the theory and practice of living as lesbians. That they are entertaining as well (thanks in no small part to skillful editing by Geraldine Peroni, who also edited Robert Altman's The Player), is a delightful extra Logal's reis a delightful extra. I can't re call when I've enjoyed a documentary more.

Editor's Note: Thank God I'm a Lesbian, will be shown with two short films Rosebud and Came Out, It Rained, Went Back In Again at the Castro Theatre, May 10 through May 16. For show-times call (415) 621-6120.



Lesbian couple at the Toronto Gay Pride Parade

San Francisco Artist Michael Brown

# Force of Nature

by Roberto Friedman

ravity is my medium," says gay San Francis-co artist Michael Brown, and that force of na-ture is certainly discernible as a through-line for his art, whether it involves water tracing its way down a pane of glass or a pinball ricocheting through his latest project, a gay-themed pinball machine called Go Girl.

Recently artist-in-residence at the Exploratorium, Brown was commissioned by the sciwas commissioned by the science museum to contribute to an upcoming environmental artwork show, slated to open May 14. He constructed Meanderings, a large sheet of glass which can be tilted at its viewer's fancy to alter the flow of water across its surface. If you've ever been mesmerized by the path of raindrops across a car window, drops across a car window, you ought to love this work. A stream of water creates sensuous curves in its wake, and half a dozen or so rivulets only multiply the aesthetic effect.

Water has figured in many Water nas rigured in many of Brown's previous works, fountains or waterfalls which incorporate found plumbing hardware and industrial copper tubing as materials. Perhaps the most public of his installations thus far is the 12-foot-high aqueduct sheathed in copper which rises like an ersatz ruin from the Life Garden at 16th and Market streets. A collaboration with landscape artist Chris Jacobson, the aqueduct bestows an air of mystery and archaeological grandeur on the garden site, which is enlivened as well by the splashing of water from its waterfall.

On close inspection, the structure is hollow beneath its copper skin, and the 'rivets'

copper skin, and the "rivets" which punctuate its surface turn out to be halved Ping-Pong balls. No matter: Brown and Jacobson's faux aqueduct enhances its site. It set me reflections on the second enhances its site. It set me re-flecting on the accrued mythology of the space: the fable of Coco Vega striking the match and torching the church which once stood on the lot, the years in which it languished behind boards, its-rebirth as a place of organic cultivation. The aqueduct stands upon the foundation of what was once the church, a sentinel in mock Roman

#### Subversive Machine

A world away in content and theme, Brown's pinball machine Go Girl, an installa-tion commissioned by New Langton Arts, is dependent on that devil gravitational force. Brown gave me a pin-ball to palm around as he de-scribed the project with great enthusiasm; the steel ball is heavier than I would have guessed from watching pin-balls rocket through the

A young visitor investigates Michael Brown's Meanderings at the Exploratorium

The artist says he has wanted to build a pinball mawanted to build a pinbail ma-chine since he was a boy, his version will be a gentle sub-version of the kind of ma-chines which feature leggy babes as enticement for ma-cho dudes to drop their quarters. In order to play, a pin-ball wizard must climb up into high heels; the machine's back glass features such gay-themed challenges as "Spin the Queen!" Brown hopes to take Go Girl on the road to

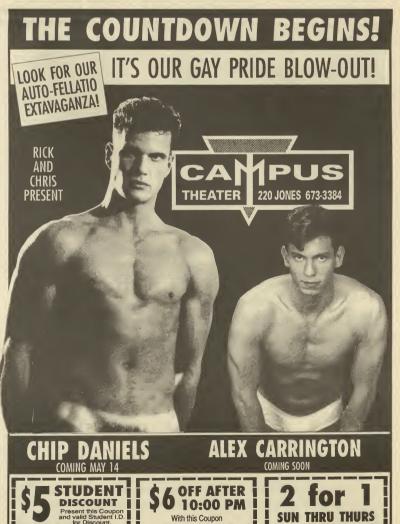
small-town America after its San Francisco debut, as his personal form of gay out-reach. "If macho straight men can relax and get into it, they'll discover that camp can be fun! And camp has always

been one of the ways that we've fought homophobia."

Brown's Meanderings is joined in the Exploratorium show by work from three oth-er artists who play with natu-ral phenomena in their art: Al Jarnow's Terra Forms, Ned

Kahn's Cloud Rings, and Andrej Zdravic's Water Waves, a multimonitor video installaa multimonitor video installation. Go Girl will be installed at New Langton, Arts toward the end of the year. The Brown/Jacobson aqueduct continues its premier installation at the Life Garden on Market until the open space is replaced by a building.

Environmental Art at the Exploratorium Exploratorium, through Sept. 6 563-7337



Gav Works at SFIFF

# In the Mix

by Daniel Mangin

n the surface, this looks like a year of slim gay pickings at the San Francisco International Film Festival, so International Film Festival, so much so that one might be tempted to question its programmers' interest in the lives of everyday queer folk—as opposed to the dying, the victimized, and the downright strange.
A closer look, however, re-

veals a lesbian/gay presence that is perhaps less overt but more significant. Two of the more significant. Two of the best entries among those I've previewed, Orlando and The Long Day Closes, are by lesbian and gay artists. Below are some thoughts on a few works of interest among the two dozen or so I've seen so far.

#### Dreamy 'Orlando'

Sally Potter is receiving the Satyajit Ray Award for the Satyajit Ray Award for her achievements to date, chief among them her adapta-tion of Virginia Woolf's Or-lando. Potter's Orlando is a

lando. Potter's Orlando is a dreamy, transgenerational tale that begins with the title character as a young nobleman in Elizabethan England and follows — first him, then her — through four centuries.

Orlando is about love, gender, class, war and the arts — among other things. Tilda Swinton is charming throughout. Films as tightly composed as Orlando are often stuffy affairs, but Potter occasionally undercuts the proceedings by either having Swinton face the camera a la

Oliver Hardy or George Burns, or by slipping in a vi-sual pun. *Orlando* plays the Castro May 8, 5 p.m. as part of the festival and opens in late June at the Clay

#### Davies Remembers

Terence Davies' luscious The Long Day Closes makes a subtle but strong case for the existence of a gay sensibility arising out of the particular circumstances of being homosexual in a Western culture. Just as dreamy but far more intimate than Orlando, more intimate than Orlando,
The Long Day Closes is an
austere, yet richly evocative
musical memory. It is hard to
believe that this mostly
cheery story about a young
gay boy's pre-adolescent years
is drawn from the same childhood depicted in the 1984
Terence Davies Trilogy.
The Long Day Closes is
inspired by the period of calm

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appeal as an
actor is amply
evident in The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

that followed the death of Davies' abusive father, when the filmmaker also discovered the joys of cinema. Leigh McCormack as Davies' alter ego Bud has a face the camera loves, and although a first-time film actor McCormack looks remarkably at ease. As with Davies' previous Distant Voices, Still Lives, the im-



Big queer or just shy? Rudolph Valentino in The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

agery in *The Long Day Closes* is quietly breathtaking. The film plays at the Kabuki May 9 at 3:45 and May 12 at 3:15 p.m.

#### Was He or Wasn't He?

The silent era's "Great Lover" is alleged to have been a homosexual (or was he just "shy," as one biographer put it?), which in any case just "shy," as one biographer put it?), which in any case hardly makes him unique as a matinee idol. His singular appeal as an actor is amply evident in *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, the film that made him a star.

Film historian Kevin Brownlow and others have restored this 1921 morality play that begins in Argentina and ends with World War I. This is one of Hollywood's early epics; it holds up surprisingly

epics; it holds up surprisingly well as an entertainment, and the tinting in sepia, yellow, blue, magenta, and red is a marvel. One reason to catch the May 8, 2 p.m., Castro screening Dennis James plays the original music (cribbed from the conductor's score). from the conductor's score); the video version will contain a new soundtrack.

#### Lawless Lesbians

Two films featuring lawless lesbians have already re-ceived their festival screen-ings. Crush is a droll psy-chodrama whose main charac-ter is a young adolescent girl whose worst nightmares about sex play unfold before

her. It will return midsummer for a theatrical run.

Aileen Wournos: The Selling of a Serial Killer may never pop up again. At press time, it appeared to be in some sort of legal trouble, ironic because it's about the misuse of the legal system to capitalize on a high-profile capitalize on a high-profile crime (by the so-called "les-bian serial killer). The film by Englishman Nick Broomfield could be better assembled, but does convey some of the misrepresentation and venality that swirled around the

#### 'Silverlake' Returns

Silverlake Life: The View from Here, Tom Joslin's record of AIDS and its effects on two gay men gets one last screening at the festival. Peo-ple appear to have avoided the film during its two-day Castro run because of its grim subject matter. Some recent press on Silverlake Life made it seem overly morbid, but although the film is sad it's also life-affirming. It screens May 12 at the Kabuki at 1 p.m.

#### Town Upside Down

A headstrong beauty and her cross-dressing homosexu-al sidekick turn a small town upside down when she inherits a large house and forest in House of Angels. At first everyone hates them, but graderyone hates them, but grad-ually she wins the town over. House of Angels drags in spots (no pun intended), but it's nicely shot; Helena Bergstrom as the young heiress has enough pizzazz to hold one's attention. House plays the Kabuki May 9 at 845 pm and May 11 at 645 8:45 p.m. and May 11 at 6:45

#### Am I Blue?

The Blue Hour is a mediocre drama about a gay hustler and his across-the-hall neighbor, neither of whom has much luck in love. Misery loves company, so they start dating but return to their pre-vious bad habits by film's end. This is the kind of film end. This is the kind of film our gay festival booked out of desperation in the mid'80s. It turned the film down just last year. The Blue Hour plays the Kabuki May 7, 9:30 p.m., and May 11, 3:30 p.m., and the Pacific Film Archive at 9:20 p.m. ▼







Director Sally Potter — her *Orlando* screening at the Castro on Saturday is ALREADY SOLD OUT.

Springtime Releases From Hollywood

# From Bad to Better

by Daniel Mangin

he SF film festival may be bursting with exciting visions (see story elsewhere), but springtime tends to bring less than the best from the big movie studios. Although topnotch works do make it to the screen this time of year, most spring pictures fall into one of three groups: nearly (though obviously not quite) unreleasable films, mediocre-to-modest fare (business as usual), and product (occasionally some gems) distributors haven't a clue how to market. Three recent releases, one from each of the above categories, feature gay characters

gories, feature gay characters situations

or situations.

Bound by Honor is strictly retro in the way it "recreates the harsh reality of prison life." Three of Hearts bills it self as a "romance for the '90s" but repeats a timeworn lesbian scenario. The portrayal of a '50s gay teen in This Boy's Life is "realistic" yet not demeaning. not demeaning.

#### 'Honor' Questioned

Honor' Questioned

Bound by Honor is about three young Chicano men from East LA raised as brothers. The fallout from a gang spat propels one into prison, another into the hospital, and the third into the Marines (then onto the police force).

"Where are the women?"

"Why does it always have to be about gangs and prisons?"

"Why does the only hero have to be a cop?" "Why does every movie about Chicano life have to be so violent?"

The above were among

have to be so violent?"

The above were among the questions a respectful but astute audience asked the film's creators after a promotional screening last month. One could have tossed in a query or two about Bound by Honor's take on homosexuality, which boiled down to this simple equation: the closer

ity, which boiled down to this simple equation: the closer you get to actual contact, the closer you are to death.

There are echoes of American Me in the prison homo death scene, but the modus operandi for the killing recalls The Fan, in which a blowjob also evolves into a stabbing.

stabbing.
Director Taylor Hackford Director Taylor Hackford and scriptwriter Jimmy Santiago Baca defended their film as "realistic" "These things happened to me," Baca asserted, but neither man seemed to get the point.

The largely Hispanic audience was perfectly aware the film had roots in real life. The question they were asking was why is this the only real-

ity of Chicano life that gets consistent financing. Perhaps this spontaneous revelation of an untapped market, along with the millions of dollars Bound by Honor loses, will register with the moguls at Hollywood Pictures/Disney.

#### Old Plot, Old Twist

"I really appreciated how original the film was ... the idea behind the film conceptually," says actor-hunk William Baldwin in a TV promo for Three of Hearts. Bet you've never seen anything like this before: a scorned lover hires someone to hurt lover hires someone to hurt the one who dared walk out, but the hunter falls for the

the one who dared walk out, but the hunter falls for the prey.

The "twist" here is that a lesbian (Kelly Lynch) hires a guy (Baldwin) to break the heart of the woman who's left her (Sherilyn Fenn). "You can win her back for me," Lynch tells Baldwin.

I kept wishing I didn't have the history of lesbian representation in the cinema rattling around in my head as I watched the infectiously ludicrous Three of Hearts. Lynch and Baldwin are appealing, and the film is wellmeaning enough to stop several times (despite publicity claims that it doesn't) to "explain" that it is not saying lesbianism is a phase, that love can go in many directions, etc. As a revenge fantasy (lesbian or otherwise), Three of Hearts has definite cathartic possibilities.

The film bogs down after an hour (mostly because the

The film bogs down after an hour (mostly because the usually effective Fenn isn't up to her role), which unfortunately gave me time to reflect nately gave me time to reflect on the many other dramas—too many to tally here—where lesbians were either in emotional competition with men or resorted to trickery to lure back lost lovers. An open-ended conclusion mitigates the cliches in Three of Hearts, but by then I'd pretty much bailed out on artistic much bailed out on artistic grounds anyway.

Three of Hearts Galaxy Theatre 474-8700

#### "This Boy's' Pal

Queer young Arthur (Jonah Blechman) in *This Boy's Life* turns out to be the one peer who understands the alienation the film's main charac-



Benjamin Bratt, Jesse Borrego, and Damian Chapa in Bound



Humpy William Baldwin plays a male escort opposite Kelly Lynch as a lesbian in *Three of Hearts* 

enager in mid-50s Concrete, Washington.

Michael Caton-Jones' adaptation of Tobias Wolff's autobiography lumbers a bit, but Leonardo DiCaprio as Toby and Robert De Niro as Dwight, Toby's domineering stepfather, are both solid in

The gay character in This Boy's Life is as much a part of "reality" as homosexuality in prison. Arthur is only in a few scenes, but he appears at piv-otal points in Toby's life and exhibits a range of (some-times wonderfully conflicting)

emotions. A budding queen, he takes his share of abuse — "realistic" for the times — but is tough enough to whip Toby for a slur. Months later they become friends.

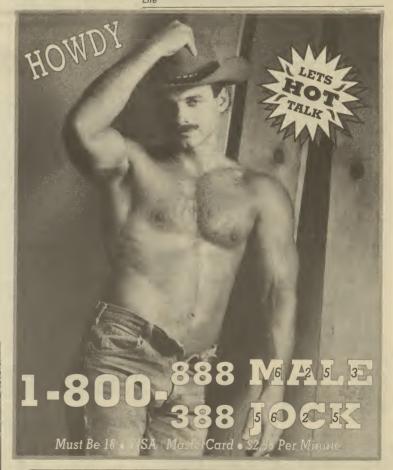
Caton-Jones and scriptwriter Robert Getchell delineate Arthur with such conviction that, unlike *Three of Hearts*, even when he plants a kiss on Toby's cheek, there's no need to spell out for the audience what they've seen or why.

The gay character in *This Boy's Life* is as much a part of "reality" as homosexuality in prison. Gays and straights have befriended each other, helped each other, and even understood each other for generations. The shame is that a mainstream movie illustrating this should still stand out so much.

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Ellen Barkin and Leonardo DiCaprio in the excellent *This Boy's* Life



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Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre in Berkeley

# Where's the 'Show'?

by Eric Hellman

he performers were wildly energetic and their costumes cov-ered a rainbow's spec-trum of bright, bright hues. trum of bright, bright hues. There was plenty of skin and a bonanza of high-steppin', high-kickin' activity on the stage. And the audience loved every minute. So why was I acting like a demented grinch and not really turning on to the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre performing at Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall last Friday (May 1) night?

I tried blaming it on my generally bad attitude, and I remember telling one friend during the first intermission that I was "very tired" that night. But then, back in my

during the first intermission that I was "very tired" that night. But then, back in my seat, I began thinking about how much I really love jazz dance. I also recalled that good "show dancing" usually induces several shots of adrenalin, creating excess energy to burn. So what was up?

My mind wandered to the audience and I observed how the crowd, although remarkthe crowd, although remarkably appreciative (in a near manic sort of way), was predominantly young heterosexual couples (and noticeably more white than black in racial composition). Suddenly, one of those mental light-bulbs went on and I realized I was sitting in the middle of was sitting in the middle of Dream Date Heaven — for an upscale, mostly twentysome-thing, mostly student audi-

Indeed, for the MTV gen-Indeed, for the MTV generation, the present incarnation of the Ailey company may be the perfect thing accessible (i.e., nothing too obscure or weird), athletic, visually bold and bright, and politically hip (the ensemble's dancers are mostly black). Respectively, the company's grettably, the company's founder and namesake is now dead; the troupe is presently led Judith Jamison, the great former Ailey dancer and star.

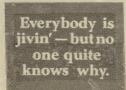
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But besides the peculiarities of Friday's audience demographics, the ingredient that seems to be missing from the Ailey company today is the "theatre" that once formed an integral part of both the troupe's name and artistic identity. On Friday, we saw an evening of near contentless concert jazz. And the result was a lot of high-spirited movement without any theatrical source for motivation. tivation.

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In the two new pieces, A Folk Dance (choreographed by Donald Byrd) and The Winter in Lisbon (choreographed by Billy Wilson), there just isn't any "show" (no libretto, no book, no clearly defined character roles). And jazz, I believe, requires some type of dramatic context. Other jazz, I believe, requires some type of dramatic context. Oth-erwise, the limited (and the-atrically exaggerated) dance vocabulary becomes an exer-cise in emotion without heart. Everybody is jivin' — but no one quite knows why.



This was especially true in Byrd's A Folk Dance, a line-dance (of sorts) for four performers that also included a short solo variation for each dancer. Dressed in individual "show" costumes made from "show" costumes made from crushed red velvet and iridescent crimson satin, the dancers seemed to proclaim Broadway virtues. Similarly, the steps and dance combinations were textbook routine, and often repetitive show and often repetitive, show dance jazz. And because the dancers seem to be doing a



Alvin Ailey dancers in Revelations

(Photo: Jack Mitchell)

production number from some larger narrative context, I keep feeling left out in the

#### **Unsatisfying Snippet**

Billy Wilson is a Broad-Billy Wilson is a broad-way, or show dance, choreog-rapher (his credits include Bubbling Brown Sugar and Guys and Dolls). And his new Lisbon piece looks like a snippet from a stage musi-cal or a supper club review cal or a supper club review (there are four sections and each has an emotional "theme" that's accompanied by music by Dizzy Gillespie). But the dramatic content is a transparent overlay on the

jazz great's music, and the "characters" and their "motivations" never seem clear. It's like walking into the theatre after having missed the first

after having missed the first act.

The one piece that still rings true at the Ailey organization is the founding choreographer's The River, a tour de force celebration of both life and the promise of spiritual salvation. First seen in 1970 and featured as the opening piece on the Friday program, River reveals the theatrical coherence and larger artistic aspirations that er artistic aspirations that once were the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre's

trademarks. Toni Pierce and Leonard Meek were excep-tionally compelling in the fi-

tionally compelling in the final segment, a duet and group variation combining a love dance and ritualized death with redemption. The original score, by Duke Ellington, is a masterpiece.

Today, the Ailey dancers remain an especially fine, sleek, and impassioned troupe. But their new material needs to reflect more emphasis on the theatrical foundation of jazz dance and more dation of jazz dance and more stretch in terms of artistic scope. As any Broadway gypsy knows, it's the show, after all, that must go on.





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# "Talk's" Drag Net

by Alan Frutkin

esbians and gays are a familiar subject on the TV talk show circuit. And with the proposed lifting of the military ban, President Clinton has thrust us even further into the media spotlight.

media spotlight.

Since Clinton's inauguration, I have tallied more than
21 talk show programs devoted to lesbian and/or gay topics—from the gay curriculum ics — from the gay curriculum controversy to gay interracial adoptions, superstar drag queens, teenage lesbians, interracial lesbian couples, and priests with AIDS. What does this newfound exposure mean? More importantly, do these forums foster acceptance of the lesbian and gay community or foment hatred community or foment hatred and homophobia by their sensationalism?

For my taste, talk shows too often resemble carnival side shows — an endless parade of unhappy souls: the chronically obese, the deformed, the unloved. And resembly unlesses the cartily unlesses researches have cently, audience response has become increasingly vituper-ative. Once a benign factor in the talk show equation, audi-ence members now seem to flaunt their presumed superiority, serving up opinions and vehemently passing judgment on anyone who disagrees

on anyone who disagrees with them.

Of course, airing dirty laundry on national television invites ridicule. But what's most frightening about these programs is that people who need professional help—abused spouses, recalcitrant addicts, violent kids—instead turn to Oprah for counsel.

#### Ubiquitous Image

For better or worse, "talk" is the one format where lesbians and gays are actually welcome on television — not only welcome, but sought after. Homosexuality remains a controversial issue for many Americans, and these shows exploit that fact by transmitting the most sensational stoting the most sensational sto-ries and images they can find lesbian sex clubs, gay men dating married men, and even a recent show devoted to bearded lesbians.

However, the most ubiqui However, the most ubiquitous image by far is the drag queen. Lypsinka cameos on The Joan Rivers Show, Ru-Paul sings "Supermodel" on Arsenio; Geraldo features a cross-dressing fashion show; Jane Whitney hosts a transvestite wedding; and the tragedy of transsexual failures flaunts itself on Sally Jessy

Raphael.

Drag is a powerful and threatening concept to many, which makes it almost a guarwhich makes it almost a guar-anteed ratings booster. It's even threatening to some within the gay community. Do drag queens represent all gays? Of course not. But they are the most visible segment, and pleas for a more balanced presentation of the wide spec-trum of gay life on television seem doomed.

seem doomed.

Talk shows have no responsibility to present a balanced perspective; they are not news programs. They are helmed by personalities, not journalists, who are paid to sensationalize. If it's anyone's responsibility to present a broader image of the commu-nity, it's ours. We cannot rely on the television tabloid me-

dia to do so.

Furthermore, any discussion of "balance" implies a scale of "normalcy" which would almost certainly place drag queens on the extreme of that scale. But what is normal? Is a gay man who doesn't cross-dress normal? Such skewed logic leads directly to discrimination—within our own community, no less. Is this imposition of a standard for normalcy an example of self-hatred which could be potentially damaging to the community?

#### Apparent Damage

Nowhere was this damage more apparent than on the Feb. 19 installment of *The Jerry Springer Show*. Entitled "Teen Transsexuals," it focused on an 18-year-old boy named Angel. Angel always believed he was a girl, and he

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was dead set on becoming a woman. Although he said he was attracted to other boys, he refused to associate himself in any way with homosexuality. He was a girl; he said he even tried to amputate his peris cores. tate his penis once

His mother, who sat beside him for most of the program, alluded to the type of emo-tional abuse Angel suffered as a child — from his parents — because he was feminine. But because he was feminine. But as the audience sat awed by Angel's story, the question Springer failed to ask was this: since Angel's parents observed these inclinations in him early on, if instead of fearing his femininity, they had accepted him for who he was, with an expression of unconditional love, isn't it possible he wouldn't have grown up hating himself?

One of the most constructive things we can do for gay children is to allow them to grow up in an environment where they don't have to hate themselves. If, in fighting ho-



Angel, a teen transsexual on The Jerry Springer Show

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

mophobia, we try to present ourselves as the guy next door, as "normal," if we cen-sure our own images to mollify the straight community and have them accept us,

then, in our own way, we perpetuate homophobia. Let these talk shows overexpose us, let them shove drag queens down the viewers' throats, because if straight

America finally gets bored with drag and begins to accept it as part of this country's fabric, that will be a real step toward ending homopho-

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### To Your Health

# Surviving the Whole Life Weekend

by Dianne Aaronson

his past weekend, April 30-May 2, marked the 11th An-nual SF Whole Life The last time I'd attended this affair was probably ten years ago. At that time I was a wide-eyed neo-phyte with a shiny new mas-sage certificate in hand. Vaguely remembering the experiences of overwhelm

experiences of overwhelm and overload during that last Expo visit, I reasoned that this time would be different. After all, it's not like I'm new to the magic of the New Age anymore. Having spent the last decade reading the books and experiencing the various therapies (either as a practitioner or client), I was now in a position to casually attend seminars, schmooze with some people, and enjoy the atseminars, scimiouze with some people, and enjoy the at-mosphere. Besides, I'd al-ready done my obligatory psychic classes and therapy sessions, knew how to main-tain my own boundaries, and in general, take what I wanted and leave the rest, right?

Wrong! Minutes after ar-

riving on the scene, I reverted back to that lowly amoebic state of yesteryear, helplessly and indiscriminately absorb-ing too much information too soon, watching it going over under, around, and through

me, until a paltry 3-1/2 hours later, I was squinting through one eye (due to my whopper headache). What a disappointment. And I thought this time I could do it right.

I think the name of the game is pacing and when it

ame is pacing, and when it comes to conferences, I never seem to find the right formula. I pitied the poor out-of-towners who'd signed up for the whole weekend and had nowhere to go in between. I limited my attendance to see limited my attendance to one day and softened the blow by visiting my gym (which hap-pens to be mere minutes away from the 8th and Bran-nan Concourse/Fashion Center location) before and after. And I succumbed to overload

anyway.

Don't let my inability to remain centered in the eye of a hurricane dissuade you from partaking in the expo next time around, however. In fact, my unhappy experience can act as a lesson. Here are some handy tips.

#### Rule No. 1

Plan ahead. That means, start out for your destination (scheduled workshop, etc.) a minimum of one half-hour before the appointed time. The Concourse is immense, and pushing through people and whilit to get the the other than the control of exhibits to get to the other side can feel like miles and

takes about that long to arrive. That also means buying your ticket and obtaining a map of the place way ahead time.

of time.

I thought I'd beat the system and decide before leaving my house which seminars I was attending. And if I'd done my homework, I'd have realized that my first seminar was actually being held at the Fashion Center before I spent half an hour getting to the half an hour getting to the other side of the Concourse. Since the seminar was only an hour long, I'd already missed the first half before I had to make my way back across the Concourse to get to the Fashion Center. (I also am embarrassed to say that I sat in on another seminar for ten minutes before I realized it was the wrong one.)

#### Rule No. 2

Let money be no object. I think part of this pacing con-cept requires that you act as if you have all the time and money in the world. In fact, if I'd had a whole weekend of free time and a fistful of dollars, I could have bought an admission ticket for all three days, shown up for one or two events, and called it a day. I also would have signed up for the workshops (which require an additional \$15 per, in addition to the \$12 per day admission fee) that I really wanted to take, instead of running around like a fool trying to feed my soul with the lesser quality "free" seminars and exhibition booths.

#### Rule No. 3

Bring a shopping bag. Within minutes you will have collected enough brochures, free magazines, and circulars (all worth looking into at a later time) than you can rea-sonably carry, not to mention

sonably carry, not to mention all the items you will purchase during the day.

One organization capitalized on this idea and stood outside handing out plastic carrying bags with their logo, phone number, and a few particular than the particular t

pnone number, and a few par-ticulars printed on them. An excellent marketing idea. Once you've followed the rules, it's kind of hard not to have a good time. The conference has improved dramati-cally over the years, and ofcally over the years, and of-fers not only your usual "New Age" fare but also seminars and panels in nutrition, sports

international performance, international medicine, alternative AIDS therapies, personal growth, recovery, gay/lesbian issues, and the creative arts.

In addition, an excellent bookstore is at your disposal. The extensive food offerings are tasty, and the Concourse is quite an improvement over previous expo sites. The space is brighter, sunnier, and more spacious. The vendors tout everything from healing crystals to vegematics. I even found some bargains, like 20 sticks of incense for \$1. Because some vendors actually offer a discount on their merchandise (such as massage ta-bles), if you plan ahead, you might even get back the price of admission.

The next expo has already been planned for October 15-17, and will again be held at the Concourse. Anyone interested in exhibiting, speaking, volunteering, or receiving an early registration brochure can call Whole Life Expo at 333-4373.

#### Softball

## **GSL Midseason Overview**

y Nancy Boutilier

Midway through the 1993 Gay Softball League season, only The Bear and The Cafe remain unbeaten, but plenty of season remains for changes in the standings. So here's a summary of May 2 play as well as the current GSL

well as the current GSL standings.

In the Cable Car Division, The Edge held on to second place by inching out the Pendulum Bucs, 9-8, and edging out Viacom, 13-10. The Cinch Spurs crept up to fourth place by beating Viacom, 22-5.

Castro Village Pharmacy's 11-2 upset of the Phonebooth Operators is only one in a long string of the indicators that the Barbary Coast Division has a well-balanced field. The Phonebooth kept their winning ways warm, howevwinning ways warm, howev-er, by beating Rita's-Metro,

Rita's-Metro also found the SF AIDS Foundation Golden

SF AIDS Foundation Golden
Bears to be four runs too
much with a 12-8 final tally.
In keeping with the competitiveness of the league, the
tenth-place Rawhide surprised the fourth-place Stud
Puppies, 12-11.
The Pilsner Penguins' 19-4
victory didn't allow the
Rawhide to rise too far up in
the standings, and it was 19
again for the Penguins as
they bettered Uncle Bert's
Best, 19-11.
Uncle Bert's topped the
Rock Dogs, 9-2, and the Lone-

Rock Dogs, 9-2, and the Lone-star doubled the Rock Dogs

star doubled the ROCk Dogs trouble, 10-8. Rolo rolled into second place with a 17-2 win over the Huffin Puffins, while Dottie's True Blue Cafe trotted into third by dropping the Pendu-lum Pirates, 10-9.

#### League Rankings

In the Women's Division, The Cafe I leads with a 6-0 record, followed by Leticia's (4-1-1), Pier 50/Olive Oil's (4-2), Friend & Friedman (3-2-1), Cafe Too (2-4), Metro Mets (2-

4), Sabin Chiropractic (2-4), and Silverman's Chiropractic (0-6).

(0-6). In the Barbary Coast Division, the Phonebooth leads with a 6-1 record, followed by Rolo (6-2), Dottie's True Blue Cafe (5-2), Stud Puppies (4-2), Lonestar Cockstars (4-3), Pilsner Penguins (5-4), Ria's-Metro (4-4), SF AIDS Foundation (4-4), Pendulum Pirates (3-5), Rawhide (3-5), Rock Dogs (3-6), Uncle Bert's Best (2-6), and the Huffin Puffins and the Huffin Puffins

In the Cable Car Division, the Bear leads at 5-0, followed by the Edge (6-1), Pendulum Bucs (5-1), Cinch Spurs (4-3), Pilsner Prism (3-2), Cubs (2-4), Viacom (2-7), Rossi Meats/LYRIC (1-5), and Group

#### This Week

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The games scheduled for May 9 at Lang Field No. 1 are: Stud Puppies vs. Rawhide, 10:20 a.m.; Uncle Bert's Best vs. Castro Pharmacy, 11:40 a.m.; Bear vs. Pendulum Pirates vs. Rock Dogs, 2:20 a.m.; Pendulum Pirates vs. Rock Dogs, 2

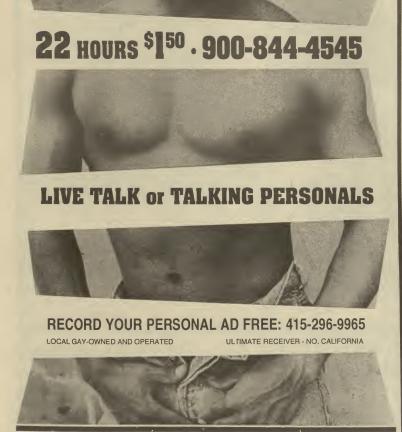
dulum Pirates vs. Rock Dogs, 2:20 p.m.

The pairings at Lang Field No. 2 are: Cinch Spurs vs. Rossi Meats/LYRIC, 10:20 a.m.; Pendulum Bucs vs. Edge, 11:40 a.m.; Cubs vs. Pilsner Prism, 1 p.m.; Pilsner Prism vs. Bear, 2:20 p.m.

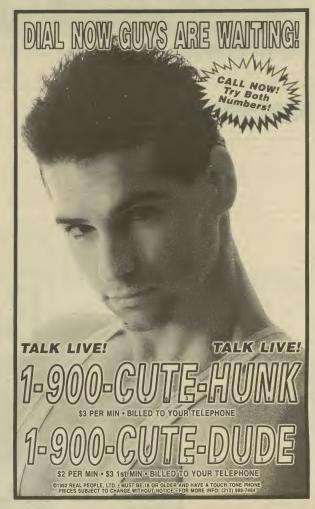
Games at Balboa Field No. 1 are: The Cafe I vs. Metro, 10:20 a.m.; Metro vs. Pier 50/Olive Oil's, 11:40 a.m.; Silverman's Chiropractic vs. The Cafe I, 1 p.m.; Sabin Chiropractic vs. Pier 50/Olive Oil's, 2:20 p.m.; Silverman's Chiropractic, 3:40 p.m.

practic vs. Sabin Chiropractic, 3:40 p.m.

Match-ups at Balboa Field No. 2 are: Huffin Puffins vs. SF AIDS Foundation, 10:20 p.m.; Pilsner Penguins vs. SF AIDS Foundation, 11:40 a.m.; Phone Booth vs. Dottie's, 1 p.m., Pilsner Penguins vs. Phone Booth, 2:20 p.m. ▼











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BLK daddy top, 6'1', 190, 46yo for Wht/Lat btms 35 and up, Submissives, tit play, aroma, condoms, It SM. EXT6302.

GWM, 45, 5'10', 150, Bm/Gm, HIV-, considerate. Likes Sci-Fi, Buddhism, movies, classical music, Macintosh, sharing quiet time together. Seeking friendship with good people. Want monogamous relationship. Looking for GWM very slender only, 30-45, Integrity, sencerity, affectionate, positive outlook. Prefer very slender, dark-haired, little body hair, bottom. No drugs, no smoking. EXR 6303.

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Long blond haired surfboy seeks compready BB for total worship. EXT6297.

Hairy GAM, gdlkng, 41 yo, sks willing in-shape btm whight ass in 20-30's. Let's have safe action. Any race. Pls call EXT6307.

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If you are GWM, handsome, wise and healthy and would like to plow this GAM, who is the same, do give me a call and see the action happen. It may last a long time. EXT6315

GLM, 31, 160, 5'10' seeking seeks fun men/boys for frolic and possible LTR. Me: Hip, modern, handsome as hell, devilishly humorous, in desent shape, healthy HIVpos. You: Healthy HIVpos, hip, modern thinker, stable. Unusual/artsy looks a plus. EXT 6316.

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I walk in your house and find you sleeping naked on the bed. I grease you up and fuck you real good. EXT 6320.

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offer. EXT 6322.

Handsome, sexy, straight WM, great body, wants very passive or fem GM to sexually service me. Ist time. EXT 6323.

Small, boyishly handsome and like being fucked? I'm 30, 5'9', 160 lbs and considered XXX hot. Young, short, thin. WM/LM boys do the trick for me. EXT 6324.

Reform school, prison-style butt

Daytime butt-fuck. Goodlooking butch bottom with hot hairless ass has private playroom for horny hung tops who want discreet daytime action. EXT 6333.

EBay serious 21 yo seeking someone special, 18-25, to spend quality time with. Must be caring, willing to have fun. Looks count. EXT 6334.

Your smooth your butt, my you know what. Are we a match? Let's burn through cliche and out the other side. U R gorgeous too...EXT 6335.

Hot, handsome, healthy, HIV pos, 45yr, 145lbs, 5'8' wants a smooth toppish partner for dinners, long lovemaking, LTR, ready for love. EXT 6336.

Glory hole if your into this type of sex, I offer a cleah safe set-up for a clean hung guy interested.; EXT 6337.

Playful, sexy, smart, 26 sks 18-22 with similar qualities and smooth with a touch of the moon. You prefer champagne on the hill to beers in the valley. EXT 6338.

and caring btm. EXT 6346

Hot btm, 32yo sks all hung top include black leathers. Fuck me as long as you can give me those loads. EXT 6347

Beefy WM, 6', 195lbs, brn/grn seeks masc hung WM woh is intelligent, humorous, loving for hot times. EXT6348.

GWM 40's, HIVneg, br/br, 220,loves sex looking for same in 30's for friendship/relationship to share life with. I'm not a bubble but just a small spare tire. EXT 6349.

Hot WM, gym bod, hung big, has hungry tongue for well bit, beefy WM w/ a tight, aggrsv bubble butt. EXT 6350

This 50yo GWM is lkgn for hot weekends. I want to be totally naked with other GBM/GLM/GWM for all night sessions. 25-50. EXT 6354.

BM, 35yo, 6'1', gdlkg, wants BM, 18-45yo. I can take 10' of manhood. No gag, I guarantee you'll be amazed. Deep throat. EXT 6355.

I want you to sit on my face so I can tongue-fuck your big hairy bubble butt. You: well-bit WM, 20-30's, hairy. ME: Hot, hung big, well-bit, hungry tongue. EXT 6351.

I'm 40's, HIVneg, br/br, 220 lkng for GM 25-40. Not a bubble but I love to make love/sex and rec. Need to meet to really know me.EXT 6356.

This 50yo GWM wants to be with yngr and older GWM as well as GBM. How would you enjoy having this older male naked on video? EXT 6357.

Domnt, masc, WM, Well-blt, hung big, wants in shape, pass/submsv WM w/hairy bod, 20's-30's. EXT 6352.

Do you have muscle studs perfect body, the authority to be worshipped and the desire to see your worshipper debased? If so, please summon me and let's see if the symbiosis could be meaningful. EXT 6358.

This 50yo GWM is lkng to be tongued deep within my butthole by a GWM or GBM. I'm 7' hung, nice ass, gdlkg, balls ready for you. EXT 6359.

37yo Spanish male looking for good sex with men who like to party all night with large smelly uncut dick. Older, kinky the best. EXT 6360.

Well-blt WM needs other in shape WM's to spread their big hairy buns on his hungry tongue. EXT 6353.

Itain, 5'8', 125ibs, gdlkg, in shape, mid-30's, hung, deep throat, tight ass, wants long sessions w/one or more. EXT 6361.

Daddy, this 50yo GWM is horny. I wan to lay on a table Daddy, nude and I want to open my legs and I want to wrap them around your waistline. Lkng for GWM/GBM Daddies. EXT 6362.

I'm 40's, 5'8', grey hair, HIVneg, good, humorous, love making love and spending time with someone who enjoys life. I'm not a bubble but have small spare tire. Look beneath the skin to find the true person. EXT6363,

This 50yo cln shaven, nice 7' cock, gdlkg balls, healthy as well. I am lkng for a tongue in my hole. 20-30. EXT 6364.

Lake Merrit - East Bay BM, 5'9', 167, clean cut, good shape, seeks 25-30, big, black body builder bottom with a big cat bubble butt for sexual pleasure. I'll treat you right. EXT 6345.

4 real BB only; If I've cleaned yr workout shoes A-ok, maybe you'll let me cont 2 show my resp & admir 4 U. 4 what it's taken 2 make u the living sculpture U R. I'm 5'9', 165lbs of Ger-Irsh intensity, work out 6 days at serious gym. EXT 6366.

Olympic game 1994 in 69 position. (Register early). Require your good temperment and body form. EXT 6367.

Your hungry mouth & talented tongue wanted for my big/thick/cut dick & nice asshole; me: Attrac GWM, 40yo, 5'3', 150lbs, HIVneg;you: In shape any age/race, hot & HIVneg. EXT 6368.

Cute , passive, GLM, 27yo, 5'11', 160lbs, seeks top/dominate GM, any race/age not important for weekend fuck. EXT 6369.

Hot musclebound GBM BB looking for hot musclebound Italian or GWM for

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whipping for tough guys who need to be taken down a peg. EXT 6325.

GWM, st act, st apear sks same all Amer. type for friendship. Prefer 510 or 710 area codes. Not into scene. EXT 6326.

Sonoma Co. carpenter, 33 bottom. Your place, my body. Use it, Stretch it. Bind me. Wknds only. B/D, S/M, prolonged. EXT 6327.

Attr., heavy, black, Berkeley male invites muscular, hairy, or cute WM to sit on my velvet tongue. I'm 41. EXT 6328.

Adv 45 yo, gdlk seeks Mr. Right. You like Jackhammer/Rawhide/freamarket, 30-48, 5'9' 6'2'. EXT 6329.

Furry bear sks 40 plus WM for sweaty fun. Prefer NS, stache, U/C. I'm 47, husky, handsome, Always horny. EXT 6330.

GWM prof, Orlando Fla. with sensual fetish, nylon and lycra tights. Enjoys dance and ballet books/photos, call EXT 3375.

Wants more than sex GBM, 33, 6ft, hairy body, 195 lbs looking for a fun and caring top. EXT 6332.

Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Me: Attractive GWM ,43, 280lbs. You: Attractive GWM,18-35, slim. EX 6342.

GLM seeks GM into/owns horses. Experienced Dressage, Hunt seat, Endurance, jumping. Will share costs or can trade training for riding privileges. G.G. Park? Please call EXT 6339.

GWm 38, hairy, huskyk balding with Handlebar moustache seeks guy 20 to 30 with attractive boyish looks for a possible relationship. EXT 6340.

Are you out there? Top GWM, tall, masc, hung. looking for attn. and affection? Me: 42yo, 5'11'160lbs. GLM, hndsm. Ready to take care of your sexual needs. EXT 6341.

Thick hung stud, masculine, boyishly handsome, cleancut, 6°17, 165, 30, grn/bm, WM seeks cockslawe with party supplies for hours of j/o and oral partying between my legs! EXT 6343.

Nasty skinhead top 28, clean unshaven into studs under 30 who get into verbal abuse, raunch and more. EXT 6344.

Mature GAM sks other guys for cuddling, massages and more! ND, NS. I'm 5'71/2', 145, hot, horny, humorous

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great safe sex, Musclemen only. EXT 6370.

Hirsute, cut, GWM, HIVneg, 40's wants clean conservative master to grovel to be his dog. Smart men to 60. EXT 6371.

North Bay WM, 35, in shape, HIVneg, masculine, sober, sports minded wants honest, fun, caring relationship. EXT 6372... Italian stud, 24 seeks jocks for oral servicing. Must be under 33, discreet, clean shaven, cocky. EXT 6373.

Asian, cute, 23yo, slender, bottom seeks 100 top GWM/GLM. Handsome, under 35 knows how to use his big tool. EXT 6374.

Hip 21yo GWM sks extremely sexy and gdlkg boys 18-30 for sex. Me: 6', 160lbs, grn/brn and very cute. You: Hot, hot, hot! Let's do it. EXT 6375.

Hip Latin male, 31, 160, gdlkg, fun, good shape,healthy Hivpos sks healthy Hivpos Top Men for unyeilding sexual satisfaction. Sexy a must. EXT 6376.

Pumpod Bicepts and hung seeks same also likes hiking and the outdoors. EXT6377.

3 way, trim glkg couples wanted by gdlkg Asia/Latin, 36, chiseled, muscular very smooth body, versatile, fun. EXT 6378.

Victim of violence lkg for others who have been thru this not-so-nice experience. EXT 6379.

Filipino single M 27yo, N/S, N/D, HIVneg seeks WM, 27-40 w/ same traits who's caring for a relationship. EXT 6380.

more. San Jose-SF. EXT 6381.

Hung Latin Master 55, 5'11', 180lbs sks very sub. ckskr for frdship, HIV neg, San Jose area only. Your Place. EXT 6382.

Yng WM 8', Thick, cut, great ass, HIVneg, gym body, seeks ver WM/LM w/good bld, hung for hot fuck, suck session. EXT6383.

Hot masc leather clone BM sks tight Wht to pound reg. Moustache a must. EXT 6384.

Gdlkng WM 48 sks Masc top who enjoys hot tongue bath. Ltn/Blk Most pref. EXT 6385.

I'm young, hung, slim, vers, hairy, beard, 'stache and I'm lkng for real men into hot sex. Call me! EXT 6386.

New in Antioch. GWM. 39, 5'6', 160 looking for friends plus, 25-40, cowboys a plus cuz I'm one. EXT 6387.

Are you B lk, hung, short, stocky, BB type who likes 3 ways? We like to have you between us. We are cln cut mid 30's and 40's goodking prof. Call us for safe sex. EXT 6389.

Wanted: Physically and mentally passive bottom who is prepared for total submission bu goodlooking sadistic top GWM into bondage, tits, handcuffs, hot wax, blindfolds, collar and leash, pain, mansex. Safe, sane and discreet. Can be into cuddleng, weightliffting and homelife if with the right person. HIVpos but healthy. Short and thin a plus. Novices welcome. EXT 6390.

Musc Italian, ch 47, w31, I26, hair hung wants gym partner and bubble butt fuck buddie. Race unimportant, masculine att a must. EXT 6391.

pper class only please. Briton itertains classy married man. Very ivate, very sensual, EXT 6392.

ne grow in love. GWM Dad seeks

GBM in 30's who can be loving, caring and sensitive. East Bay a plus. EXT 6393.

GWM looking for friend to do movies , beaach etc. Me: in shape, goodlooking, healthy HIVpos, dominate sexually. You: Goodlooking, short, thin is a plus. non-smoker. EXT 6394.

Do as you're told! My cock, your mouth. Maybe I'll bring a pal. 43, 6'1',I'll bring a pal. EXT 6401.

Hot , Wht, 29yo sks yng A sians, Japanese, Chinese hot dudes for fun. I'm 5'9', 170, 34w, 8'cut. If you want head/ass worship call nowl EXT

Ritualistic midnite cock worship. J/O, dirty talk only. Chanting, substance use. Age, looks, size unimportant. One on one, My place - Oakland, EXT 6400.

Very oral guy to meet similar for weekend partying with like mind pals. 43, 6'1', 165. EXT 6403.

Hungry gdlkg GAM wants massage . Musc. or gdlkg tops. If u sk hot sex and gentleman in life, hdwk, HIVneg, ND, it's me. EXT 6412.

ape, EXT 6406.

GAM 26, 5'10', 155, prof., nice, looking for sincere, honest, friendly guys for friends. EXT 6407.

Top with small penis, any race or age, wanted to fuck this slender 40yo Italian. EXT 6408.

Attr. GAM, 35yo, 6'2', 198lbs, prof, bttm, both mature and decent, HIVneg, fit, ND/STD/old, all races, your place. Rush. EXT 6409.

Let's rub boners. I want to stick my dick inside your shorts. Let's bounce and squeeze our dongs together from balls to swollen bulbs. I'm 40yo, 5'9',145lbs, clnshvn, bald wifurry chest, gdlkg, affectionate. EXT6413.

18yo GWM seeks GWM 18-30 for relationship. ND, lite smoking ok. Financially independent a must. Date first, them maybe a LTR. EXT 6416.

GLM, 5'4', 135lbs, 36yo, bttm, very horny sks GWM for fun. Tops. EXT 6417.

Foreskin lover sks trim/thin LM/WM. Your skin is loose or tight, clean or funky. I'm WM, 50plus, masc, sexy. EXT 6418.

All I want is a young hot stud for descreet sex. I'm 22, you are 18 or 19. I'm Bi and would like a first timer. Please call me. Great sex for two. EXT 6420.

Rim expert wants firm, trim men to spread cheeks in my face ! Hairy or smooth. I'm WM, 53, trim beard, rim seat. EXT 6419.

I'm 40's, br hair/eyes, 5'8', 210. fun lovin', neat, HIVneg, Down to earth guy looking for some. Open minded, would like to seet same 20-40 GW/GL/GM. EXT 9422.

#### Transvestite

Handsome, sexy, straight WM, good body and mind sks transexual for friendship and sensual delights. EXT 6317.

E. Bay GWM sks TV for J/O, dirty talk, mutual cock/ball worship. Age, looks, size not important. Late nite, my place only. Drink, smoke, party a must. love of cock more important than butch/femme. EXT 6395.

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Blacks or Latinos who want head. Masc GWM, mid 40's wants to give that service. Open to other things. EXT 6398.

No talk, just action! My cock, your mouth. Weekend Partying. 43, 6'1', 165. Invite a pal. EXT 6402.

GAM, attr, appr/brain, versative/ bttm, educated. Seek friends of study, gym or more. All races. Try you won't regret. EXT 6411.

Latin, 45, average looking, 5'5', 200lbs, thinning hair, smoker, w/ very hot horny butt that is always ready for steamy rear action. Have you ever thought of having a fuck buddy for frequent hot rear action whenever you are horny? If your 40-55 and would enjoy pounding a hot safe ass on a regular basis. South Bay area. EXT 6404.

Hot Latino, versatile in shape seeking beefy masculine Bi/GWM 25/45 to suck my big dick and eat my hot ass. Safe only. EXT 6405.

Handsome GAM, 26, 5'10', 160lbs, muscular seeks goodlooking GWM, 21 to 33 for relationship. HIVneg, in good

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Lkng for GWM/GLM, 25-35 with long hot cocks who like to deep throat my hot throat. I'll drain your nut. No fats over 220lbs. EXT 6415.

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The Night
Larry Kramer Kissed Me
David Drake's acclaimed oneman show about ACT UP, the
Village People as the perfect
gift, desperate bar-hopping
and love. \$24. Wed./Thu.
8pm. Fri./Sat. 7 & 10pm.
Thru May 9. Life on the
Water, Fort Mason. 7765496.

Top Girls
Caryl Churchill's modern
drama includes historical
women in a changing society
going through trials and
sacrifices, including Griselda
of The Canterbury Tales.
\$12-15. Bpm. Sun 4 7pm.
Thru May 30. The Phoenix
Theatre, 301 8th St. at
Folsom. 621-4423.

Dritting Fires
Theatre Yugen's theatrical vision, with Japaness and Balinesse masks, of an otherworldly encounter with the ghost of the last woman on Earth. \$8-12. 8pm. Sun. at 3pm. Thru May 29. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama. 621-7978.

#### FRIDAY 7

Dyke Cum Fag
Victoria Baker performs
"Behind the Screen Door," a
solo piece about what
happens when dykes and
fags do leathersex together.
Neon Weiss crosses the
boundaries between buddy
and bedroom in "I Only Fuck
My Friends." \$5-10. 8:30pm.
Also Sat. 848 Divisadero at
McAllister. 824-8428.

Blackbirds Boogie
in the Black Moonlight
Wayne Corbitt (author of
Crying Holy) performs a solo
piece about the life of a
slutty leather bottom with
HIV. \$10. 8pm. Thru Sun.
Also, at 10pm, comics Suzy
Berger and Doug Holsclaw.
Also \$10. Josie's Cabaret,
16th at Market. 861-7933.

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Pageant
Slickly produced yet hilarious musical drag parody of beauty contests in which the audience picks the winner of the Miss Glamouresse title. Featuring local talents Billy DeHerrera, Justin Bond and others. \$19-34. Wed. & Thu. at 8pm, Fri. & Sat. at 7 & 10pm, Sun. at 3 & 8pm. Palace Theatre, Kensington Park Hotel, 450 Post St. 989-SHOW.



Why We Have a Body
Claire Chafee's contemporary comedy about gender roles, including a dyke detective and her odd relationship with a woman who thinks she's Joan of Arc when she's not robbing 7-Eleven stores. Extended thru May 23. \$12-21. 8:30pm, Sun. 2pm & 7:30pm. Magic's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D, third floor. 441-8822.

Diamano Coura & Petit La Croix West African Dance company and Haitian ensemble bring lively drumming and dancing (44 performers!) to the stage. §8-10. 8pm. Also Sat. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon, Oakland. (510) 464-3543.

Frida and Diego:
A Love Story
Greg Cullen's dramatization
of the twisted relationship
between bisexual artist Frida
Kahlo and her husband,
muralist Diego Rivera, \$10.
8pm. Sun. at 2 & 7pm. Thru
May 9. City Theatre, City
College of SF, at Phelan and
Judson avenues. 239-3100.

Architrave
Group exhibition in the Hayes
Valley's newest space, with
sculpture & paintings by Todd
Campbell, lan Bruce, Victor
Antonetti and Bob Bruman,
Opening reception at 7pm.
Thru July, Architrave, 541
Hayes St. 621-4923.

Beyond Therapy
Christopher Durang's quirky
farce about shrinks, lovelorn
bisexuals, and nut job
therapists moves to a new
location. \$20. 8pm. Hotel
York's Plush Room, 940
Sutter. 885-2800.

John Fronnmayer
Bush's handpicked NEA arts
head weasel (who became a
sort of champion for queer
art before being replaced by
power dyke Radice) reads
from his tell-all book, *Leaving Town Alive*. Bpm. Cody's
Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

Living Letters
Musical play inspired by the letters of high school students about HIV. Proceeds benefit the Wedge Program. \$8-10. 8pm. Thru 5/22. MCC, 150 Eureka. 882-1199.

### **SATURDAY 8**

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean Ed Graczyk's wistful yet tense drama about the 20th anniversary reunion of the McCarthy, Texas "Disciples of James Dean," and how the star's presence in their small town drastically changed their lives. \$10-15. Bpm. Sun. at 4pm. Thru May 30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller at Laguna. 626-5455.

The Learned Ladies

Jean Stapleton stars in ACT's production of Moliere's crafty lampoon of the nouveau intelligentsia. \$11-36. 8pm. Mats. at 2pm (Wed. & Sat.) & 3pm (Sun.). Thru June 5. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason at Geary, 749-2ACT.

Laughing Wild Christopher Durang's wild urban comedy about Catholics, AIDS, crystals and a supermarket fight over a tuna can. \$8-12. 8:30pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru May 23. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th at Mission. 861-5079.

Claustrophilia
Satirical play about Edgar
Allan Poe's literary lunacy.
Also The Ghoul of Amherst,
an arch look at Emily
Dickinson. \$12-14. 8pm.
Thru May 16. Climate
Theatre, 252 9th St. 6269196.

Psycho Beach Party Local production of Charles Busch's wacky surf musical. \$5-15. 11:30pm weekends. Artfull Circle Theater, 47 Waller at Laguna. 558-8172.

After the Fall
Actors Theatre's production
of Arthur Miller's powerful
autobiographical play about
a man's mid-life crisis, his
relationship to Marilyn
Monroe, and the McCarthy
witch hunts \$14-16. 8pm.
Sun. at 2pm. Thru May 22.
Actors Theatre of SF, 533
Sutter St. 296-9179.

The Real Live Brady Bunch Wacky yet earnest tribute to TV's pinnacle of vapid suburbia, with dramatizations of actual scripts. \$18.50-25.50. 8pm. Fri. & Sat. at 7, 9:30 & 12am. Closing night. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary at Jones. 776-1999.

Ursula Le Guin, the Women's Philharmonic, Oaktand Symphony Chorus The famous fantasy author narrates composer Elinor Armer's The Great Island of the Geggerets, and Cindy Cox's Cathedral Spires, plus Amy Beach's Piano Concerto, and Lili Boulanger's Psalm 24. \$15-29. 8pm. Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley. (510)642-9988.

Gay Comedy Night Rack up the queer laughs with Tom Ammiano, Mark Davis & Michael Tee. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Dinner at Eight
ACT's production of George
S. Kaufman and Edna
Ferber's stinging '30s
comedy of an ill-fated high
society dinner party. 8pm.
Also 2pm (Wed. & Sat.),
3pm, Sun. Thru May 15.
Marines Memorial Theatre,
609 Sutter St. at Mason.
749-2ACT.

Girth & Mirth
Special showing of The
Rocky Horror Picture Show.
\$1-3. 8pm. Finger food
(toast and rice, too, we
hope) and drinks provided.
176-B Page St. 824-0260.

Meet retro folkies Compost Morning Dew and Dolphin-Free Tuna Womon, among many other way-out dyke-otomies of the cornic sort, when Dos Fallopia invade town. See their version of the dysfunctional mother-daughter country stars, the Spudds, \$10. 8pm, May 13-15. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Our dancerly favorite this week is the ever-innovating ODC/San Francisco. World premiere works include River of Milk and I Wanna Be Bad, as well as repertory works The Tangle (with a guest appearance by SF Ballet's Mikko Nissinen) and a section from the acclaimed Western Women. \$35 (opening night party and performance), \$8.50-19. May 13 thru 23, 8pm, Sun. at 7pm. Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason. 392-4400.



Flower Power! Here comes the 4th annual Orchid Mania, a wild celebration and benefit for seven AIDS organizations, including Ellipse, Access, Service Through Touch, Family Link, and medical aid for El Salvadorian PWAs. See hundreds of adults run around like children stuffing baby orchids into cardboard boxes. The lovely blossoms will be imported from around the world. Prices start as low as \$3. Get your orchids this Saturday and Sunday, , May 7 & 8, on the 500 block of Hickory Street from 10am to 6pm. 267-4814.

Get tuned up and air in your tires for the 9th annual AIDS Bike-A-Thon, the biggest fundraiser on wheels. Saturday, May -8, join thousands of mountain bikers and ten speeders in tight spandex for any of the routes. \$18 advance, \$40 day of event. All riders begin and end at the Log Cabin in the Presidio near the Golden Gate Toll Plaza. 575-1800.



For a more unusual take on this maternal holiday, take in the Mother's Day Performance Weekend. With solo artist Grace Walcott (above and another showing of *Twyla's Boy*, plus others, the umbilical cord will be tied up in a bow! \$10. 8pm, Sun. at 2pm. May 7-9, Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St. (near 17th & Harrison). (510) 653-3868.

Down in Santa Cruz, the 9th annual Gay in May benefit variety show will raise bucks for area AIDS Project, Women's Health Center, clinic and the Gay & Bisexual Community Center. Tickets for the sumptuous dinner and black tie affair are \$50-75. 5:30 (reception) 6:30 (dinner). There are also cheaper tickets (\$8-15) for genera seating. Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8, Santa Cruz Civi Auditorium. (408) 475-6068.

If you don't have anyone to go with to these events, you may want to find out why when New York author Penny Perkins performs What is a Lesbian Date? Also on the bill, feminist muckraker Masha Gessen, Django white boy Craig Ventresco, dyke jock Nancy Boutilier, an many more, all hosted by assassinationologist Kris Kovick. No plastic. No poetry. Friday, May 7, 8pm. \$5. Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 46 14th St. at Guerrero. 282-3451.



#### **SUNDAY 9**

Dorothy Allison
Bastard Out of Carolina
author reads from her
acclaimed novel, now out in
paperback. Free. 7:30pm.
Modern Times Bookstore, 888
Valencia. 282-9246.

Cabaret Du Nord Arturo Galster as Chesty Baker, plus Ultra Violet, Richard McGhee, & the Hat Band. \$2. 8pm. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St. at Sanchez. 861-5016.

A Period Piece
Theatre Forte's production of
Rachel Kerr's tongue-in-cheek
twist on the menstrual cycle
through history, \$8-10. 8pm.
Thru May 23. Sanchez
Elementary School, 325
Sanchez at 16th. 882-1199.

Salud a Mexico
Photography by Miguel
Ronquillo celebrating Cinco de
Mayo and documenting
Mexico's recent history. Thru
May 30. Josie's, 3583 16th
St. 861-7933.

Gay Outlaw, Nancy Munford, Paul Ramirez-Jones Three diverse installations by artists from Boston, SF, and NYC. Thru May 15. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 6 2 6 - 5 4 1 6.

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#### MONDAY 10

Gay Comedy Open Mike MC Amy Boyd. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5.8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Taraneh Hemami
Mixed media paintings by the
artist, who deals with her
history as a woman of Iran,
with a focus on the uneasy
transition from Persian to
Western culture. Thru May
29. The Women's Building,
3543 18th St. 641-8640.

Xavier Viramontes Male nude paintings. Thru May 31. A Different Light, 489 Castro St. 431-0891.

Steven Baratz & Steven Dell Recent work in male nude black and white and color photography. Thru May 29. Forbidden Images Gallery, 175 Stockton Ave., San Jose. (408) 280-5313.

Beulah Bondi
"Portrait of a Character
Actress" is the title of this
exhibit of the wardrobe of the
'30s film star. Thru May 27.
Fashion Institute of Design,
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### TUESDAY 11

Bottoms Up: Bar-hopping Queers of the Silver Screen Danny Mangin's severely silly critique of cinematic (mis)representation of gay bars and their inhabitants. \$6. 8pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Meat Beat Manifesto Supreme Love Gods Wild raucous rock at the strangest new club in town. \$15-16. 10pm-ish. The Bridge, 520 4th St. 495-6620.

Boy on a Dolphin Multicultural rock funk. \$7. 8pm. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

Complex Identities in The Crying Game Panel discussion on race, gender and politics in the most over-talked about film of the year. Sponsored by the G/L Historical Society & Transgender Nation. \$3-7.7.30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Extraordinary Visions Contemporary stained glass art by Evan Bishop, Jennifer King, Alex Lowry & others. Thru May 30. Live Art Studios, 151 Potrero Ave. at 15th. 863-2144.

#### **WEDNESDAY 12**

The Gin Game
Aurora Theatre Company's
production of D.L. Coburn's
Pulitzer Prize-winning drama
about two seniors and the
card game that relieves their
boredom. \$12-18. 8pm. Sat.
& Sun. Also at 2pm. Thru
June 6. Berkeley City Club,
2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley
(510) 843-4822.

The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde's witty comedy of manners, as performed by Blanche Hudson Productions' cast. \$10. Wed. 8pm, Sat. 4pm, Sun. 7pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St. 626-5455.

### **THURSDAY 13**

Pat Califia & Rebecca Brown Leatherdyke poet and Macho Sluts author reads from her new book, Melting Point, while Brown reads from her latest, Annie Oakley's Girl, \$4-6, 8pm. The LAB, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.

\$.99 Queer Video Festival Homemade dyke and gayboy stuff. \$.99. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at Albion. 621-1617.

Leigh Barbier "On Bended Knee," recent sculpture. Thru May 30. Clay Studio Gallery, 52 Julian Ave. 431-6296.



Spokepoker Hot rockin' tunes at Faster Pussycat in a benefit for the Women's Action Coalition. 10pm-ish. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. 561-9771.

Growing Up Gay on the Straight Side of Town Scott Jordan's musical comedy monologue tells of his youth and battles with HIV. \$10. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Land Marks Works on paper by Robin Tichane. Thru June 30. The Commonwealth Club, 595 Market St. at 2nd. 597-6705.

Mario Cravo Neto
Dramatic photographs that
combine portraiture and
animals in unusual ways.
Thru May 15. Vision Gallery,
1155 Mission St. 6212107.

Coming Home Hospice Bingo Gayest gambling in town. \$12. 7pm. Basement, Most Holy Redeemer Church, 18th St. & Diamond.

Cherry Bomb Group exhibition of women artists examining growing up in pop culture. Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama at 17th. 863-2141.

Team San Francisco Sports Festival Volunteers, participants needed for the major homo jock fest of the season. May 29-31, Gene: 821-2991.

Sexually Dominant Women's Workshop Lady Green explains basic negotiating strategies for nervous beginners to make for fun and pleasure. \$20. May 12, 8pm. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St. 974-8980.

Study Queer Performance Keith Hennessy, shaman, dancer and sexy nose-pierced guy teaches "fag and dyke specific classes." Queer women; Thursdays, May 13-June 24. Men; Tuesdays, May 11-June 22 \$50-80. 848 Divisadero. 885-2003.

AIDS Activist Report on March on Washington Follow up discussion on the results; long and short term, of the March. Proceeds benefit ACT UP/East Bay. \$10. (\$3-SSI).5:30pm. May 12. Home of Maudelle Shirek, 2705 Walker St. RSVP: (510) 547-7538.

Summer Bowling League Teams now forming. Meet at Park Bowl, Haight & Stanyan. May 10, 7:45pm. \$10. Mal Garcia: 752-2366.

Queering (A) Gender(s): How to Have Fun in School -SF Art Institute course in the history of political resistance in art and the community. Catherine Lord and Millie Wilson, instructors. August 14-21, 749-4554.

New Horizons Support/social group for lesbian, gay & bi young adults ages 21-29. May 13, 7:30-9:30pm. 457-1115.

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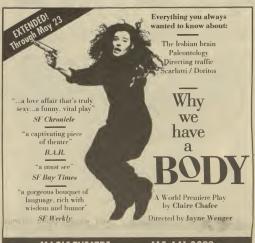
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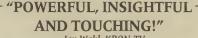
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Mr. Marcus



Leather title holders, past and present and leather personalities gathered for this ''family'' portrait just before stepping off at the March on Washington, Sunday, April 25.

# Hark! What Dude Wears **Yonder Leather Sash?**



Mark Austin won the Mr. July '94 spot on the Eagle's bare chest calendar last Thursday, April 29. They'll be picking Mr. August on Thursday, May 6. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

ount 'em. According to Harley McMillen, International Mr. Leather's chief coordinator in Chicago, they have mailed out no less than 63 application forms a form a form of the control of t plication forms to men who

malied out no less than 03 application forms to men who think they want to compete for the title on Memorial Day Weekend in Chicago.

As early as last November, leather communities at the grass-roots level all around the country were staging contests to send men to Chicago to compete for the highest honor in the leather world. Beginning with this issue, I'll bring you photos of some of the winners who will be competing on Sunday night, May 30, at the Aragon Ballroom.

The good news is that this is IML's 15th anniversary and

the happenings will be all over the host Congress Hotel. The bad news is that out of the total number of contes-

the total number of contestants entered, only 20 will be chosen as semifinalists.

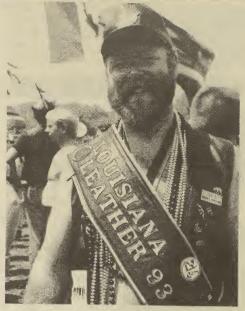
This means that the competition will be rough. It's also rough on the judges who will have to determine which one man can do the best job. The early winners have established track records already with fundraising events and public appearances all over the place.

Three or more of this year's contestants competed last year — A.J. Steigenberger, who was Mr. Boston Leather who was Mr. Boston Leather '92, went on to win the International Mr. Leather Europe title in Vienna in June 1992; Randy Delaney was Mr. Spike New York last year and later won the Mr. Leather of New York title; Wes Patterson, who was Mr. Sacramento Leather last year, is now Mr. Northern California Leather and will compete again. It should be an interest

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Boston's leather community is sending John G. Bryant to Chicago to compete at IML.



Theodore L. Dittick represents the entire leather community of his state as Mr. Leather of Louisana in Chicago later this

ing competition.

IML has instituted a new event beginning this year. The Hometown Party (on Saturday night, May 29) is designed to honor the outgoing IML's hometown, so that means San Francisco will be the honored city this year. The party will certainly be a big testimonial affair for Lenny Broberg from everyone on the scene. Almost every leather-oriented bar and business in San Francisco is ery leather-oriented bar and business in San Francisco is cooperating (i.e., donating money) to make it a smashing success. We will not disappoint. Besides our "official" contestant, Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield, Headquarters Bar's Jeff Matthews, the Eagle's Andy Rose and possibly one other will also be among the field. Great!

Right to the end, Lenny is cheerfully fulfilling his duties.

cheerfully fulfilling his duties in the waning days of an ex-tremely busy year. He flew to New York just this past Tues-day, May 4, to tape a segment for the Joan Rivers Show. It will be aired later this month. I'll let you know the broad-cast date as soon as it is announced.

nounced.

The Congress Hotel in Chicago is sold-out already; the backup is the Blackstone Hotel a few blocks away. The vivacious entertainer Lynn Lavner (who co-emceed in 1988 with the late Al Parker) will be one of the emcess. will be one of the emcees—she is great! And naturally, there will be parties all over Chicago that weekend. The April 30 deadline for the \$95 package has passed, and I hope you got your reseved seat. Hundreds of San Franciscans will be there, so don't be left out.

You'll be glad to know that the mostly San Francisco sponsored "Come Together" leather dance party at the Quorum in Washington, D.C., and after expenses, they doled out \$1000 to the IML Travel Fund; \$1000 to the IMs.L Travel Fund; \$3,000 to the March on Washington Leather/SM Conference; and \$1500 to Food & ference; and \$1500 to Food & Friends Inc., a D.C. AIDS agency similar to our Project

Open Hand. Thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers and entertainers, but especially to Audrey Joseph of Fantastic Realities Unlimited, Bill Camilo of Pleasuredome and Desmodus Inc. (Drummer magazine), as well as Gary France, who played a big part in the production. It was primo!

Judges Jeff Matthews, Grant Dupont and Richard Faust faced four contestants for the Mr. July '94 bare chest contest last Thursday, April 29, at the Eagle. More fun and games onstage, and when it was all over, Mark Austin got the spot. The runner-up was Guerneville's Rod Wood. They'll be looking for Mr. August '94 this Thursday night, May 6.

Huge turnout for the celebration of Rick Redewill's life

bration of Rick Redewill's life at the Lone Star last Sunday, May 2. They laid out a fabulous buffet, and partying was the order of the day. Over at the Eagle, the Cal Eagles MC garnered a big crowd for their annual Cinco de Mayo beer/soda bust while the local beer/soda bust while the local Mexican community took over Civic Center with rides, booths, and much whooping and hollering.
Eagle deejay Glenn Anderson managed to pump out a little salsa (not enough! Glenn) on the Fagle's natio loud.

son managed to pump out allittle salsa (not enough! Glenn) on the Eagle's patio loud-speakers. Leo Brown kept saying, "I told you, girl!" to no avail. It was fine weather all weekend, and tons of tourists were here to enjoy it.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3-5, hordes converged on the Eagle to help celebrate their 12th anniversary. You'd have thought it was a Saturday night on Monday when the anniversary pins were handed out; Assistant Manager Bob Bowling wore his steel-toe boots in anticipation of the mad rush, but the crowd was orderly but the crowd was orderly and patient. The pin this year is a burnished brown/red and very handsome. The Tshirts handed out on Tuesday night continue the same theme/colors. Wednesday was the buffet and show, but too late for me to comment on due to my deadline.

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Tony Hash of Baltimore will represent the entire state of Maryland at IML in Chicago this month. (Photo: Mr. Mar

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Whoever started the rumor Whoever started the rumor that "bears" are not welcome at The Watering Hole is full of shit. No such discrimination exists there.

The Utica Tris in New York staged their Mr. Utica Leather contest last Saturday with the Mr. Lond Vern Stage.

night, May 1, and Vern Stew-art was there to help judge. It was so crowded at the Eagle on Monday night that I didn't get all the details of the event, except that Bob Gordon won its early will be according. except that Bob Gordon won it and will be onstage in Chicago. From the looks of things, the East Coast leathermen will be well-represented in the Windy City.

There's still a reward for information leading to the retrieval of Lenny Broberg's IML '92 sash. The audacity!

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I'll relay the info to Mr. Broberg.

Now that the National Leather Association has moved their headquarters here, maybe some interest will be generated in joining. The big kahunas of NLA will be meeting here the weekend of May 14-16 and will be holding a no-host "mixer" at the Eagle on Friday night before they settle down to the business at hand. Same weekend as the LA Black and Tans' (uniform club) big weekend, "Spring Maneuvers," down there. More details on this one next week.



just one of the head liners performing at Ritch McFarland's 50th birthday party at the Eagle, Friday, May 7. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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## Affairs to Remember

Thursday, May 6: Looking for Mr. August '94 on the Eagle's bare chest calendar tonight at 2200. Win \$100. Are you reading this, Dennis the boxer?

Fri./Sat., May 7-8: Castro Lions Great Scavenger Hunt begins tonight at Elephant Walk and tomorrow night at the Eagle. Form a "team" of 1 (\$10), 2 for \$15, 3 for \$20, or 4 for \$25 — and then you have 24 hours to find some 100 items. Saturday night your "finds" are due in around 2000. Win prizes, help charity, and have fun. Call Tom at 861-0516 for more details.

Friday, May 7: Eagle bartender Ritch McFarland celebrates his 50th on the patio with a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund, with hordes of entertainers, roast, and all for only \$8.

"Miss Prissy" flies in direct from New Orleans to join David Kelsey, Lisa Grey, Brad Cavalier, and others. Alan Smart hosts the roast. Sounds faaabulous!

Saturday, May 8: Up at The Woods in Guerneville, the Redwood Empire Horsemen's Assn. (REHA) hosts a barbecue party at 1700 (for \$6) — dance lessons, door prizes and a Tdance on Sunday. The Woods is

country/western now, you know.
Cal Eagles MC overnight run
to Sacramento leaving from the
Bear on Castro around 0930.
Overnight motel in Sacramento,
a Black Party at the Wreck
Room by Mr. No. Calif. Wes Patterson. Total cost is \$35, so call
the Cal Eagles MC Hot Line: 2670560.

the Cal Eagles MC Hot Line: 267-0560.

If you're in Phoenix, you might attend the Mr. Southwest Drummer contest at the Burn Steer tonight. Always a fun event in that desert.

Staying home? Get an early start at the Mother's Day High Heel-aThon party and race starting at The Edge at 1400. Hosted by the No. Calif. Leather Assn. of the Deaf, it's a fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund. You must wear 1-3 inch heels, and the course is exactly one mile with no drag (dresses) allowed. (Paul Mastroianni will hate that!)

At Greg's Ballroom in San Jose, Miss Freda Lay presents Mommie Dearest Day with a leather fashion show at 1730, hat and leather goods auction at 1800, and bare chest contest (cash prizes) at 1900. \$5 for beer bust and \$5 fer food or \$5' for both to

prizes) at 1900. \$5 for beer bust and \$3 for food, or \$7 for both to benefit I.R.L.M.

Sunday, May 9: It's Mother's Day! According to the Eagle's working calendar, the Constantines MC are supposed to be hosting the beer/soda bust, but not a peep from them at my deadline.

Wednesday, May 12: Looking for Mr. April '94 on the Great Buns calendar at the Eagle tonight at 2130. No press release here either.

tonight at 130. No press release here either.

Thursday, May 13: Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield celebrates his birthday tonight at the Jack-hammer from 2000 to 2300. No nis birthday tonight at the jack-hammer from 2000 to 2300. No presents please, and 50 percent of bar proceeds between 2100-2300 go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. My invitation didn't say how old Greg would be! Any guesses out there?

Grant Dupont's Tattoo Contest at 2100 tonight at Headquarters Bar. You must have at least two "real" tattoos on your body to compete for prizes.

Sunday, May 16: Ms. SF Leather Queen Cougar's Supersadomasochistic Follies at 174 King St. tonight for \$10. More details on this one next week, but keep it open. You will not want to miss it!



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Tony Lasagna at his 60th birthday party at the Cinch, with chef

# Thin and Sober

appy birthday to Steve Suss of the Embers/Avenue in Portland on Saturday, May 8. Hope you have a great time now that you are sober and so thin.

sober and so thin.

Now doing his thing as host at the popular Charpe's Grill is the one and only Mr. John Mello (a.k.a. as "Jo Fey" or Vicki Lester and now as Mrs. Norman Maine), formerly of the Copper Lantern, Lehr's Greenhouse, Restaurant Orsi's and Enrico's. You can find him there Thursdays rant Orsi's and Enrico's. You can find him there Thursdays through Saturdays working with Craig (Ruth) Daley. They have worked the same places through the years.

Liz Gilbert celebrated her retirement at a great party with a wonderful group of friends at Gilmore's on Friday. April 30 Enjoy work for the property work of the

day, April 30. Enjoy your re tirement, dear.

Stopped to see Marlow at Uncle Bert's last week, and he gave me the sad news that Buddy Arlen of Oakland left us on April 22. Buddy shall be missed by many, including Greta Gress

The Gangway on Larkin Street has reopened its doors at 6 a.m., with drawings at 10 a.m., a new pool table with tournaments coming, Lottery and Keno, and of course, Little Belberon the aleak is about 10 and the Bobby on the plank in the a.m. Drop in and have a good time with the crew.

Thank you, Lew Walters, for the fabulous dinner at your lovely apartment last

week.

week.

It seems as if Max of The Cinch will be touring Europe for three weeks now. I do hope you have a great vacation and come back with a new attitude, dear.

Sunday, May 9, The Cinch

will celebrate Emperor David Nyberg's and Dame Mari-gold's birthdays with a Taurus Party starting at 4 p.m. with a barbecue on the patio. Lots of surprises — don't miss this fun

Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. the Great American Music Hall for one performance only is "Trinity Place, Re-membered by the Divas," feamembered by the Divas, featuring Sharon McNight, Val Diamond, and a host of others. For more information contact Gary Menger at 585-4748. The event is a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund and Under One Roof.

Tony Lasagna just celebrated his 60th birthday at The Cinch, and I understand a huge crowd of well-wishers turned out for this very popu-

lar man.
Thank you, Kenny Allison of the Kokpit, for a fun morning the other day, and don't let Duffy forget about Satur-

let Dutty forget about days.
Scottie and Empress Sissy certainly have the Wooden Horse hopping these days with a lot of fun people.
Yes, Corey is back on the plank Wednesday through Friday nights at Gilmore's, and he did have a great vacation in Florida. tion in Florida.

Happy Mother's Day to

Happy Mother's Day one and all, and bien sur, shall be on the plank Gilmore's that day.



#### **Profiles**

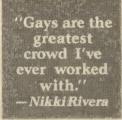
## Spin

wall of his apartment waii of his apartment — is "keyed," each record meticulously labeled to convey both the song's key and its speed, expressed in beats per minute (BPMs). This sort of attention to detail has earned Bonham are nutation for leaving "Ilera". a reputation for clarity. "Jerry a reputation for clarity. 'Jerry Bonham is a phenomenal mixer,' reports Avila. "So clean and crisp. Everything falls into place. I have a lot of respect for him."

Rivera also BPM's her Rivera also BPM's her records, although instead of keying, she memorizes her music. "A lot of these guys are really technical, you know, keying and everything. I go for feeling. I practice mixing a new record, familiarize myself with it, learn the energy it creates. That's how I prepare."

Pete Avila's first break in San Francisco was the Friday

San Francisco was the Friday night spot at Townsend in the late '80s. Doc Martin, a major Los Angeles deejay with a large following, played on Thursdays and Saturdays. When the Friday night take at the door wasn't as high as



the other two nights, Avila was fired — a common occurrence which demonstrates the extent to which deejays are held accountable for a club's failure. "If it's not happening, the first thing they point to is the deejay," Avila argues. "It's always traditionally been that

always traditionally been that way."

The key to success, he feels, is for the promoter to work together with the deejay. When a promoter hires a deejay to perform, the deejay is being hired partly for the image his or her musical style will bring to the party. "But I've seen a number of parties where they book all the big deejays and the party doesn't happen. There's sort of a happen. There's sort of a farce when it comes to dee-jays and their followings. The jays and their followings. The deejay can come in and do the same thing he does with a packed house, and when there's nobody there, there's no energy in the room. But when the party's happening, then that's another story. It's never the deejay when things go right." go right.

#### **Key Factor**

Fortunately, over time deejays learn various crowds so that predicting their behavior becomes less of a mystery. A key factor appears to be sex-ual orientation.

As a lesbian, Nikki Rivera

notices a tremendous difference between straight, gay male, and all-women crowds. She rarely, if ever, plays a totally straight, bridge-and-tunnel crowd. "It wouldn't work," she laughs. "No way. I don't even have the type of music. I could, sure. I could get a copy of *Billboard* magazine and go get some Naughty by Nature, some R&B, some Whitney Houston. It would be hell."

Rivera shies away from male, and all-women crowds

Rivera shies away from lesbian crowds as well, for nearly the same reason. "Les-



Deejay Nikki Rivera

bian crowds are totally Top 40. It's the most commercial crowd I've ever played to. They judge things before they give them a chance, they're very critical, very harsh. They're like, What's this song — I don't know the words, where does it come from? Don't you have any Aretha Franklin?' They're very conformist. Lesbians and straight men, they're similar crowds. Very conservative."

Very conservative."

Avila agrees with Rivera about lesbian crowds, although he notes that relatively recently, they have opened up. "The women have come a long way in the last few years. I can remember a time when all the girl clubs were playing was pop music. Janet Jackson and Madonna. But then we started seeing a lot of gay women at Carefree, which is rare. You don't see a lot of lesbians in boy clubs. But it created a nice melting pot. They're definitely getting more progressive."

Gay men are an entirely Gay men are an entirely different crowd to play for. "Gays are the greatest crowd I've ever worked with," Rivera says. "They let you do anything with the music, they let you take them anywhere. They'll give you a chance. I've done everything and anything I've crew twented to music. T've ever wanted to do musi-cally with a gay male crowd, and they've been amazing. So enthused. They love to party, they live for the music. And so do I. We see eye-to-eye."

#### Adrenalin Rush

Something all deejays share is the rush they get from playing to a live crowd. "A packed dance floor is like an organism," says Avila, "you can feel the energy in the room." Although his weekend house music show provides a vast ra-dio audience, he still prefers the rush of adrenalin he gets from being onstage perform-

ing.

After many years of deejaying, Jerry Bonham says playing for a live crowd is still the biggest thrill. Rivera's favorite part is "when I slam in a song that I've made popular, a Nik-ki song, and people throw their hands up in the air. I love seeing people so happy, letting go, not looking in a mirror but comfortable with

themselves and just shakin' it."
Rivera is currently learning to mix and produce music on a Macintosh computer in the studio. She is optimistic about her chances for further sucher chances for further success, although as a woman in a predominantly male field, she is occasionally frustrated. "When you're a woman, the other deejays don't respect you as an artist. ... It's a very cliquey male thing. But I deal with it, because I know I'm at least as good or better."

Jerry Bonham plans to keep deejaying only as long as he enjoys it. "What's being played in the clubs now is like disco

enjoys it. What speing prayed in the clubs now is like disco times ten. You can hear a lot of the old songs in the new ones. In a way, it's like reliving my past."



#### Theatre

## Worlds

the play. Cruel But Attractive

Cruel But Attractive

The Roof's on Fire! is also about the interaction of the elements — earth, air, fire, and water. From the beginning, where manure for a garden helps sustain life, to death, the earth is present. Air, through breathing and oxygen, is translated into the theme of aging, which Gavin calls "the process of oxidizing," impacting both worlds represented in the play. Water is cleansing and critical to the work of both cultures, and the dominant image of fire is both a literal presence and metaphor for relation-

fire is both a literal presence and metaphor for relationships. "Fire is cruel, but attractive," notes Gavin.

She remarks that "every character in the play has a flaw, a weakness, yet every one of them is beautiful in their own way."

Also critical to her play is the notion that being lesbian

"It's exciting to be able to do something on stage that's so physical." - Ellen Gavin

is a given factor, not an issue to be debated. It's accepted, and the focus instead is on re-lationships and work.

lationships and work.

Gavin and Sebastian, familiar with how women, lesbians, and especially communities of color have been trivialized in theatrical productions, have pushed beyond stereotypical modes of presentation here. Through the course of the play for its author, "all parts of my life come together on stage in one piece," from the fire department, "as rigid and judgmental as the Catholic Church," to the women's community on the women's community on the other side of the space (quite literally, in the staging of the play) — a dangerous en-vironment countered by one of safety.

Editor's Note: The Roof's on Fire! runs Wednesdays through Sundays through May 30 at the Mission Cultur-al Center Theatre, 2868, Mis-sion Street, San Francisco. The play features Robin Kar-The play features Robin Karfo, Margo Hall, Margarette Robinson, Baomi Butts-Bhanji, James Tyrone Wallace, Louis Landman, Stan Grabowski, and John Armond. It is designed by Novella Smith (lighting), Karl Rawicz (sets), Callie Floor (costumes), and Greg Robinson (sound). Showtimes are at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 8 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$10-15 and are available at the theatre's box office or by calling 695-6970.







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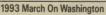
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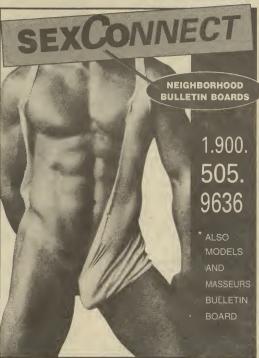
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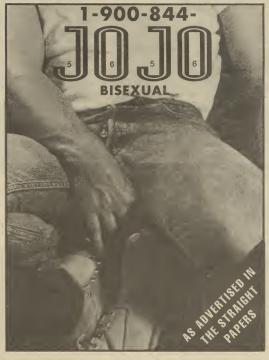
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